

Bill #	Title & Summary	Position	Public Hearing	Worksession	Status	Notes
<u>LD 19</u>	<p><u>An Act To Assist Residents of Nursing Homes To Return to Their Communities</u></p> <p>This bill provides ongoing funding for the continuation of the Homeward Bound program to provide outreach for those eligible for a nursing home level of care to transition to services in the community.</p> <p>Presented by Rep. Sanderson (Chelsea)</p>	SUPPORT	<p>Tuesday, Feb. 7</p> <p>1:00 PM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 209</p>	Tuesday, Feb. 7	ONTP	<p>LTCOP Bill</p> <p>Referred to HHS</p> <p>Alliance testified</p> <p>Reported Out on Feb 10, 2017 ONTP</p>
<u>LD 65</u>	<p><u>An Act To Ensure the Right To Work without Payment of Dues or Fees to a Labor Union as a Condition of Employment</u></p> <p>This bill prohibits a person, either in the public or private sector, from being required to join a labor organization or pay any labor organization dues or fees as a condition of employment or continuation of employment, notwithstanding any state law to the contrary. A violation is a Class D crime and is also subject to civil damages and injunctive relief. The Attorney General is responsible for enforcement and is required to prosecute all violations.</p> <p>Presented by: Rep. Lockman (Amherst)</p>	SUPPORT				<p>Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development</p>

<p><u>LD 347</u></p>	<p><u>An Act To Support Death with Dignity</u></p> <p>This bill enacts a process for patient-directed care at the end of life for Maine residents who are adults who are terminally ill and who have been determined to have a limited life expectancy. The bill provides that such a patient has a right to information and includes requirements for patient and physician action and documentation in the patient's medical records of the steps taken. The bill authorizes a physician to prescribe a medication that the patient may self-administer for the purpose of hastening the patient's death. The bill provides protections for the physician, the patient's health care facility and health care providers. The bill protects the patient's life insurance and the health care providers' medical professional liability insurance. The bill protects the patient's right to palliative care. The bill requires rulemaking by the Department of Health and Human Services to provide for safe disposal of medications that are prescribed for end-of-life care and that are not used by the patient. The bill specifically states that nothing in the provisions of the bill may be construed to authorize a physician or other person to end a patient's life by lethal injection, mercy killing or active euthanasia. The bill specifically states that the provisions of the bill may not be construed to conflict with Section 1553 of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the federal Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.</p> <p>Presented by Senator Katz (Kennebec)</p>	<p>Neither For Nor Against (NFNA)</p>	<p>Wed., April 5, 2017</p> <p>9:30 AM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 209</p>			<p>Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services</p>
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<p><u>LD 390</u></p>	<p><u>An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019</u></p> <p>This bill as emergency legislation proposes to make unified appropriations and allocations for the expenditures of State Government, General Fund and other funds and change certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019, as submitted by the Governor pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5.</p> <p>Presented by Rep. Gattine of Westbrook (GOVERNOR'S BILL)</p>	<p>MONITOR</p>	<p>State House, Room 228 Tues., February 21 10:00 AM Wed., February 22 10:00 AM Thurs., February 23 10:00 AM Friday, February 24 10:00 AM Mon., February 27 10:00 AM Tues., February 28 1:00 PM Wed., March 1 9:00 AM Thursday, March 2 1:00 PM and continued....</p>	<p>Thursday, March 9 1:00 PM</p>		<p>Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs (AFA)</p> <p>The documents submitted by the Governor may be found here.</p> <p><u>Detailed Public Hearing Schedule</u></p>
<p><u>LD 442</u></p>	<p><u>An Act To Create a Family Caregiver Income Tax Credit</u></p> <p>This bill provides an income tax credit for certain eligible expenditures incurred by a family caregiver for the care and support of an eligible family member 18 years of age or older. Eligible expenditures include the improvement of or alteration to the caregiver's primary residence to permit the eligible family member to remain mobile, safe and independent in the home and community; purchase or lease of equipment necessary to assist the eligible family member; and costs incurred to assist the caregiver to provide care to an eligible family member, such as expenditures related to hiring a home care aide, respite care, adult day care and transportation and for technology to assist the family caregiver to care for the eligible family member.</p> <p>To be eligible for the tax credit, a family caregiver must have a federal adjusted gross income of less</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>Mon., February 27 1:00 PM State House, Room 127</p>	<p>March 6, 2017 10:00 AM</p>	<p>TABLED</p>	<p>Referred to Committee on Taxation</p>

	<p>than \$75,000 (\$150,000 if head of household or is filing a married joint return).</p> <p>The amount of the credit is equal to the eligible expenditures incurred by the eligible caregiver during the taxable year up to a maximum of \$2,500.</p> <p>Presented by Senator Davis (Piscataquis)</p>					
<u>LD 481</u>	<p><u>An Act To Promote Workforce Participation</u></p> <p>This bill increases the amount of income earned by recipients of benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program that is disregarded in determining the amount of benefits they receive. The amount of the disregard is lowered over time as recipients make the transition to stable employment.</p> <p>Presented by Rep. Stewart (Presque Isle)</p>	SUPPORT				Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services
<u>LD 487</u>	<p><u>An Act To Promote Keeping Workers in Maine</u></p> <p>This bill (concept draft) proposes to regulate the use of so-called noncompete agreements, which are contracts entered into by an employee prohibiting the employee from working in the same or a similar profession within a time certain after leaving employment with the employer and within a specified geographical area. This bill would restrict the use of noncompete agreements by public and private employers.</p> <p>Presented by Rep. Schneck (Bangor)</p>	MONITOR	<p>Tues., February 28</p> <p>1:30 PM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 208</p>	<p>Wed., March 8</p> <p>10:00 AM</p>	TABLED	Referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development (LCRED)

<p><u>LD 538</u></p>	<p><u>An Act To Allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Who Have Attained Certain Degrees To Use the Title of Doctor</u></p> <p>Under this bill, an advanced practice registered nurse who has attained a doctor of nursing practice degree may use the prefix "Doctor" or "Dr." as long as the suffix "DNP" follows the person's name and an advanced practice registered nurse who has attained a doctor of philosophy in nursing degree may use the prefix "Doctor" or "Dr." as long as the suffix "Ph.D." follows the person's name.</p> <p>Presented by Representative Perry (Calais)</p>	<p>MONITOR</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 21</p> <p>1:00 PM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 208</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 28</p> <p>1:00 PM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 208</p>	<p>Anticipated Divided Report</p>	<p>Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development</p>
<p><u>LD 643</u></p>	<p><u>Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Home-based and Community-based Services</u></p> <p>This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to increase reimbursement rates for home-based care services consistent with the recommendations made by Burns & Associates, Inc. in its report "Rate Review for Personal Care and Related Services: Final Rate Models" dated February 1, 2016. The first half of this increase was ratified by the 127th Legislature through Public Law 2015, chapter 267.</p> <p>Presented by Rep. Espling (New Gloucester)</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>Monday, March 27</p> <p>9:30 AM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 209</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 4</p> <p>1:00 PM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 209</p>	<p>OTP-AM</p>	<p>Alliance Bill</p> <p>Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services</p>
<p><u>LD 801</u></p>	<p><u>An Act To Allow a Physical Therapist To Administer Certain Coagulation Tests in a Patient's Home</u></p> <p>This bill authorizes a lic. physical therapist to perform finger stick blood testing in a person's home in order to collect a blood sample.</p> <p>Presented by Rep. Mastraccio (Sanford)</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>Wed., March 29</p> <p>10:00 AM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 208</p>	<p>Thursday, April 6</p> <p>1:00 PM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 208</p>		<p>Alliance Bill</p> <p>Referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development</p>

<p><u>LD 842</u></p>	<p><u>Resolve, To Support Home Health Services</u></p> <p>This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to increase the rates for home health services under the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 40 by 30%.</p> <p>Presented by Rep. Jorgensen (Portland)</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>Monday, March 27</p> <p>9:30 AM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 209</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 4</p> <p>1:00 PM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 209</p>	<p>Alliance Bill</p> <p>Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services</p>
<p><u>LD 872</u></p>	<p><u>An Act To Establish Requirements Related to the Practice of Dry Needling</u></p> <p>This bill amends the laws governing the licensing of physical therapists to allow licensed physical therapists to use dry needling in accordance with rules adopted by the Board of Examiners in Physical Therapy. The bill requires the board to adopt rules governing the use of dry needling by physical therapists.</p> <p>Presented by Rep. Fecteau (Biddeford)</p>	<p>OPPOSE</p>	<p>Wed., March 29</p> <p>10:00 AM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 208</p>	<p>Thursday, April 6</p> <p>1:00 PM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 208</p>	<p>Referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development</p>
<p><u>LD 949</u></p>	<p><u>An Act Regarding Telehealth</u></p> <p>This bill does the following.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It provides immunity from liability to health care practitioners who voluntarily provide health care services through telehealth in the same manner as immunity is provided to health care practitioners who voluntarily provide health care services in person. 2. It requires insurers to provide professional liability insurance for health care services provided through telehealth services in the same manner as the coverage is provided through face-to-face contact between a health care practitioner and a patient. 3. It requires carriers that offer health plans in this State to provide coverage for health care services provided through telehealth services in the same manner as coverage is provided for services provided in person and sets forth certain standards for coverage of telehealth services. <p>Presented by Senator Gratwick (Penobscot)</p>	<p>SUPPORT</p>	<p>Tues., April 4</p> <p>1:00 PM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 220</p>		<p>Referred to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services</p>

<p><u>LD 998</u></p>	<p><u>An Act To Adequately Pay for Emergency Medical Services</u> This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to work with emergency medical services providers in the State to define, and provide reimbursement under MaineCare for, community paramedicine services that do not involve transporting patients.</p> <p>Presented by Rep. Sanderson (Chelsea)</p>	<p>OPPOSE</p>	<p>Friday, April 21</p> <p>1:00 PM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 209</p>			<p>Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services</p>
<p><u>LD 1005</u></p>	<p><u>An Act Regarding Minimum Wage Increases</u> This bill eliminates the \$1 per hour increases in the minimum wage scheduled for each of the next 3 years and eliminates increases in the minimum wage based on the increase in the cost of living starting in 2021. It also restores the tip credit to the minimum wage laws.</p> <p>Presented by Rep. Stewart (Presque Isle)</p>	<p>NEITHER FOR NOR AGAINST (NFNA)</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 5</p> <p>1:00 PM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 208</p>			<p>Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development</p>
<p><u>LD 1031</u></p>	<p><u>An Act To Establish Reasonable and Clinically Appropriate Exceptions to Opioid Medication Prescribing Limits</u> (EMERGENCY) Public Law 2015, chapter 488 requires that, beginning July 1, 2017, the aggregate amount of opioid medication prescribed to a patient may not be in excess of 100 morphine milligram equivalents per day and directs the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules establishing reasonable exceptions to those prescriber limits. This bill codifies in statute the exceptions adopted in the department's rules and adds an exception to prescribing limits for medical necessity.</p> <p>Presented by Senator Gratwick (Penobscot)</p>		<p>Thursday, April 20</p> <p>1:00 PM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 209</p>			<p>Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services</p>

<p><u>LD 1066</u></p>	<p><u>An Act To Promote Life with Dignity</u></p> <p>This bill enacts a process for patient-directed care at the end of life for Maine residents who are adults who are terminally ill and who have been determined to have a limited life expectancy. The bill provides that such a patient has a right to information and includes requirements for patient and physician action and documentation in the patient's medical records of the steps taken. The bill authorizes a physician to prescribe a medication that the patient may self-administer for the purpose of hastening the patient's death. The bill provides protections for the physician and the patient's health care facility and health care providers. The bill protects the patient's life insurance and the health care providers' medical professional liability insurance. The bill protects the patient's right to palliative care. The bill requires rulemaking by the Department of Health and Human Services to provide for safe disposal of medications that are prescribed for end-of-life care and that are not used by the patient. The bill specifically states that nothing in the provisions of the bill may be construed to authorize a physician or other person to end a patient's life by lethal injection, mercy killing or active euthanasia. The bill specifically states that the provisions of the bill may not be construed to conflict with Section 1553 of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the federal Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.</p> <p>Presented by Rep. Parker (South Berwick)</p>	<p>NEITHER FOR NOR AGAINST (NFNA)</p>	<p>Wed., April 5, 2017</p> <p>9:30 AM</p> <p>Cross Building Room 209</p>		<p>Referred to Judiciary Committee</p>
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<p><u>LD 1105</u></p>	<p><u>An Act To Promote Independent Living for People with Disabilities</u></p> <p>This bill proposes to reallocate certain federal funds currently received by the Department of Labor and the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that those departments are in alignment with the goal of allowing people with disabilities to live as independently as possible.</p> <p>Under this bill, Maine programs would become more consistent with federal regulations by redirecting existing resources to fund the newly mandated 5th requirement of the independent living core services in the federal Independent Living Program, as adopted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, Independent Living Administration. The 5th core requirement directs the provision of services to focus on 3 key areas for people with disabilities: transition from nursing homes to home and community settings; diversion from nursing homes; and transition of youths 18 to 24 years of age from school to adult living.</p> <p>Possible funding streams include federal funding under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and Maine's Money Follows the Person demonstration project administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, federal funding currently allocated for the Office of Child and Family Services, office of aging and disability services and office of substance abuse and mental health within the Department of Health and Human Services and funding from the Department of Education from federal funds for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 grant for special services and adult education, as well as funds allocated or appropriated by the State from General Fund or Other Special Revenue sources.</p> <p>Presented by Rep. Gattine (Westbrook)</p>	<p>MONITOR</p>				<p>Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services</p>
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<p><u>LD 1108</u></p>	<p><u>An Act To Restore Public Health Nursing Services</u> This bill is emergency legislation. This bill enumerates the types of nursing services that must be provided by the Public Health Nursing Program within the Department of Health and Human Services. It specifies required staffing in the program. It sets deadlines for staffing and requires the Public Health Nursing Program by September 1, 2017 and October 15, 2017 to report on progress in achieving full staffing. The bill requires the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to conduct a review of public health nursing services including types of public health needs of persons who have recently moved to the State, services being provided to meet those needs and any unmet needs. The bill requires the committee to provide to the Legislature a written report of its findings and recommendations for any future action by January 1, 2018. Presented by Senator Carson (Cumberland)</p>	<p>MONITOR</p>	<p>Thursday, April 13 1:00 PM Cross Building, Room 209</p>			<p>Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services</p>
<p><u>LD 1121</u></p>	<p><u>An Act Regarding the Exclusive Use of Tax Exempt Property</u> This bill amends the exemption from property tax provided to benevolent and charitable incorporated institutions and to scientific and literary institutions to specify that the exemption does not apply to property that is used incidentally in the provision of goods, services or materials in exchange for any type of consideration. Presented by Rep. Kinney (Limington) (BY REQUEST)</p>	<p>MONITOR</p>	<p>Wednes., April 12 1:00 PM State House Room 127</p>			<p>Referred to Committee on Taxation</p>

<p><u>LD 1134</u></p>	<p><u>An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Nursing Facilities To Permit Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists and Physician Assistants To Perform Certain Physician Tasks</u> This bill provides that, in accordance with federal regulations: 1. For nursing home residents receiving skilled nursing facility level services, a physician assistant, nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist may provide medically necessary visits, certifications and recertifications and required visits that alternate with those performed by a physician; and 2. For nursing home residents receiving nursing facility level services, a physician assistant, nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist may perform any physician task. Presented by Rep. Stewart (Presque Isle)</p>	<p>MONITOR</p>	<p>Friday, April 21 9:00 AM Cross Building Room 209</p>			<p>Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services</p>
<p><u>LD 1159</u></p>	<p><u>An Act To Support Healthy Workplaces and Healthy Families by Providing Paid Sick Leave to Certain Employees</u> This bill creates a right to paid sick leave for employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement who are employed by an employer that employs 50 or more employees. It also creates a right to unpaid sick leave for employees of an employer that employs fewer than 50 employees. This bill takes effect January 1, 2019. Presented by Senator Millett (Cumberland)</p>		<p>Monday, April 10 10:00 AM Cross Building Room 208</p>			<p>Referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development (LCRED)</p>

<p><u>LD 1188</u></p>	<p><u>An Act To Facilitate MaineCare-Funded Assisted Living by Providing a Cost-of-living Adjustment to Private Nonmedical Institutions and Adult Family Care Homes</u> This bill provides funds to the Department of Health and Human Services to give adult family care homes, residential care facilities and certain private nonmedical institutions a 4% cost-of-living rate increase for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 and an additional cost-of-living increase for the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 based on a projected increase in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index medical care services index. Annual cost-of-living adjustments are to be provided by rule for each fiscal year thereafter in accordance with the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index medical care services index.</p> <p>Presented by Representative Malaby (Hancock)</p>		<p>Friday, April 21 9:00 AM Cross Building Room 209</p>		<p>Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services</p>
<p><u>LD 1214</u></p>	<p><u>An Act To Create Fairness in Home-based Care Fees for Service</u> This bill provides that rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services for the administration of the program for in-home and community support services for the elderly may not require a person receiving services under a state-funded program to make a monthly payment toward the administrative cost of coordination services if an in-home care service was not provided in that month.</p> <p>Presented by Senator Libby (Androscoggin)</p>		<p>Friday, April 21 9:00 AM Cross Building Room 209</p>		<p>Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services</p>

<p><u>LD 1267</u></p>	<p><u>An Act To Protect Licensing Information of Medical Professionals</u> This bill provides that information concerning the application for and granting of licenses issued by the State Board of Nursing, the Board of Osteopathic Licensure and the Board of Licensure in Medicine is confidential, except that each board is required to allow inspection of certain information.</p> <p>Presented by Senator Katz (Kennebec)</p>					<p>Referred to Committee on Judiciary</p>
<p><u>LD 1325</u></p>	<p><u>An Act Regarding Opioids and Palliative Care</u> This bill allows an exemption from the limits on opioid medication prescribing for a patient receiving palliative care under a management plan that is submitted by a licensed medical professional caring for the patient and approved by the Department of Health and Human Services and that documents the need for ongoing treatment of the patient that exceeds the limits on opioid medication prescribing.</p> <p>Presented by Representative Brooks (Lewiston)</p>					<p>Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services</p>