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David Moltz, M.D. at the Judiciary Committee's first work session on gun safety bills.

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INTRODUCTION

Dear Members,

We are happy to announce the success of the inaugural legislative session for the partnership of the Maine Medical Association and Maine Osteopathic Association Legislative Committees. Our shared work allowed us to be more effective in our advocacy at the State House.

To address the concerns of our members, we set to work to ensure that your voices were heard and effectively used to inspire and enact legislation. This effort included a variety of legislators from both sides of the political aisle, indicating that healthcare practitioners and their patients are at the forefront of their concerns.

We pursued the following legislative priorities with partners, our legislative champions, and members like you.

- Addressing ongoing gun violence
- Data Privacy: Protecting health data
- Addressing concerns with Prior Authorization
- Reducing youth tobacco use by banning the sale of flavored tobacco
- Expanding access to behavioral and mental health services and substance use treatment
- Supporting and expanding the rural healthcare workforce in Maine

We are proud that several of our initiatives received successful votes and have been enacted. However, the lack of legislative movement surrounding public health in certain areas, like a ban on flavored tobacco and cannabis use, was concerning.



Staff at MMA and MOA (Anne Sedlack, Amanda Mahan and Andy MacLean) at the State House

Our annual legislative report tracks progress on critical healthcare and public health legislation and provides critical information about complying with newly enacted laws.

Thanks again to all of you who were so engaged in helping move our shared priorities forward this session—we can't do this work without you!

Thank you for your time,

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Lisa Letourneau, MD, MPH was welcomed by the members of the Senate

STATE GOVERNMENT OVERVIEW



Executive Branch

Governor: Janet Mills

DHHS Commissioner: Jeanne Lambrew (until 5/31/24)

House of Representatives:

Democrats - 80

Republicans - 68

Other - 3 (2 Independents, 1 vacancy)

Speaker - Rachel Talbot Ross (Portland) - Termed Out

Majority Leader - Maureen Terry (Gorham) - Termed Out

Majority Whip - Kristen Cloutier (Lewiston)

Minority Leader - Billy Bob Faulkingham (Winter Harbor)

Minority Whip - Amy Arata (New Gloucester)

Senate:

Democrats - 22

Republicans - 13

Other - 0

Senate President - Troy Jackson (Aroostook County) - Termed Out

Majority Leader - Eloise Vitelli (Sagadahoc County) - Termed Out

Majority Whip - Mathea Daughtry (Cumberland County)

Minority Leader - Trey Stewart (Aroostook County)

Minority Whip - Lisa Keim (Oxford County) - Termed Out

DOCTOR OF THE DAY/MEDICAL PROVIDER OF THE DAY

This Session, at Representative Perry's request, the Legislature expanded the Doctor of the Day Program to the Medical Provider of the Day, inviting Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants to volunteer. We had 15 physicians serving in this role during this session. **Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Legislature!**

Also, special thanks to Sarah Lepoff for organizing this on behalf of MMA and MMA. Please reach out to her if you want to volunteer for next year!



MOA President Jodie Hermann, DO
joined by Representative Cluchey



Diane Zavotksy, M.D. and her
daughter Tess McClenahan, M.D.
were joined by Senator Farrin



Erik Steele, DO was joined by Senator
Pierce

GUN SAFETY PROTECTIONS

After the tragic mass shooting in Lewiston, physicians joined together to ask the Legislature and Governor Mills to enact meaningful reform to keep our communities safe. Although we did not pass everything, we are grateful to every physician who attended advocacy events and hours of public hearing testimony. We are looking to do more next year.



MMA President Paul Cain, MD, testified in support of one of the gun safety bills

1

LD 2224 (P.L. 2024, ch 675), An Act to Strengthen Public Safety by Improving Maine’s Firearm Laws and Mental Health System (Sen. Rotundo)

Acknowledging that “violence is not ‘a simple problem’ that’s easily fixed by simple solutions,” Governor Mills advanced this piece of legislation to strengthen gun laws and mental health services. We, through the insightful words of MMA’s President, recognized the importance of the effort and responded with testimony in support of the bill.

What to know? This law expands checks against the National Instant Criminal Background Check System for unadvertised sales and incentivizes checks or unadvertised sales. The Governor also included several initiatives in her budget, including establishing an Office of Violence Prevention at the Maine CDC and building more crisis response centers in Lewiston, Penobscot County, and Aroostook County.

2

LD 2238 (P.L. 2024, ch. 678), An Act to Address Gun Violence in Maine by Requiring a Waiting Period for Certain Firearm Purchases (Sen. Rotundo)

To prevent future tragedies, the Legislature pursued a 72-hour waiting period between the sale and delivery of a firearm. Governor Mills enacted this law with some hesitation. The American Medical Association lent a hand to us in crafting testimony in support of the bill.

What to know? This waiting period will start a 72-hour waiting period to access the newly purchased gun. The testimony and evidence were clear that creating time and space between a thought and action - like implementing a waiting period - decreases the incidences of homicide and suicide deaths.

“Gun violence is a plague on our nation. It’s a public health crisis, and much of it is preventable.” Former AMA President, Gerald E. Harmon, M.D.

3

LD 2086, An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms (Sen. Anne Carney)

In response to ongoing gun violence, the passage of LD 2086 in the House and Senate was a multifaceted effort combining the work of many public health organizations, including MMA, the Maine Public Health Association, and the Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, as well as many concerned citizens and legislators.

What to know? Governor Mills vetoed this bill, noting, "But, despite the well-meaning nature of this bill, I am concerned that the novel language this bill contains, the manner in which it was developed, and the short time that was available during its review create the risk for unintended mistakes."

4

LD 2119, Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study the Creation of a System to Allow for the Voluntary Waiver of Firearm Rights (Rep. Vicki Doudera)

Given the many studies associated with suicide and firearm access, several of Maine's public health organizations sought to implement other ways to remove firearms from a home. Although the Legislature acknowledged the work, it wanted more information due to the complexities of creating a voluntary waiver of firearm rights, so it turned the bill into a Study.

What to know? This is in limbo and will likely be killed when the 131st Legislature officially concludes in early December.

5

LD 2283, An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public (Speaker Rachel Talbot Ross)

We heard loud and clear from the Maine Medical Association and Maine Osteopathic Association members that Maine's yellow flag law was insufficient. The law both stigmatizes those with mental illnesses and places too much emphasis on protective custody. Implementing a red flag law through LD 2283 would have provided another path to protecting the community.

What to know? This bill never received a vote in the House or Senate. We will be continuing to pursue a true red flag law in future legislative sessions.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

LD 796, P.L. 2024, ch. 680, An Act Concerning Prior Authorizations for Health Care Provider Services

Prior Authorization (PA) directly impacts patients' health, safety, and lives and unnecessarily encroaches on the patient-clinician relationship.

During the 131st Legislature, MMA and MOA dedicated their resources to improving the PA process to ensure that patients have access to timely care and that practitioners do not suffer from the red tape created by different health plan requirements regarding prior authorization.

This new law does three main things...



Thank you to Rep. Jane Pringle, MD, the sponsor of LD 796, who did an incredible job pulling together a coalition to ensure success

1. Oversight over Insurance Carriers	Requires insurance carriers regulated by the State to report their PA data, which will be published on the Bureau of Insurance's website
2. Easier PA Appeal Process	Allows clinicians to appeal PA denial directly to the Bureau of Insurance
3. Prohibits abusive PA practices	Prevents certain abusive practices like <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carriers are now not allowed to provide zero reimbursement to a clinician - even when the care was medically necessary by the carrier's own standards—they can only cut reimbursement by 15% when medically necessary care is provided without a PA• Carriers are now not allowed to deny a claim if the medically necessary service was provided 14 days before or after the approved care

OTHER PRIORITIES

In the Fall of 2023, we set several priorities for the upcoming Session. The following is a review of each of those priorities. This is not an exhaustive list of all the issues that we covered, which also included bringing the public health perspective into the cannabis market, working to ensure the patient/physician relationship is protected, like in reproductive health care and state-approved health care for transgender youth, and a lot more. Please see the next section of this memo for all of the tracked bills from this Spring.



Thank you to all of the physicians who joined us at the State House!

Data Privacy: Protecting Health Data

LD 1973, An Act to Enact the Maine Consumer Privacy Act (Sen Keim), and 1977, An Act to Create the Data Privacy and Protection Act (Rep O'Neil), were two attempts by the Legislature to enact sweeping data privacy protections. Both of the bills failed to get enough votes.

We did not take a position on the overall substance of the bill, but we did advocate to ensure that there was an entity-level exemption for healthcare privacy so that our members did not have additional regulations to comply with since the existing federal and state health data privacy are sufficiently robust.

Ban the sale of flavored tobacco

LD 1215, An Act to End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products (Sen. Duson), is the result of many organizations working together. Support for the bill came from public health organizations, concerned citizens, and a few legislative champions. Unfortunately, the bill was designated as unfinished business and never received a vote in the House.

We will continue to advocate on this issue to ensure that Maine recognizes the health hazards of flavored tobacco, especially for our young people.

Expanding access to behavioral and mental health services and substance use treatment

LD 353, An Act Concerning Substance Use Disorder, Treatment, Recovery, Prevention, and Education (Sen. Bradlee Farrin) sought to raise awareness for MMA's 1,000 Lives Campaign, which aims to prevent Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) deaths by implementing a set of healthcare site- and clinician-specific interventions to improve the treatment of substance use disorders (SUDs).

This bill was turned into a letter from the Health and Human Services Committee to MMA directing us to continue the work of the 1,000 Lives Campaign and to report back our progress to them in January.

Supporting and expanding the rural healthcare workforce in Maine

We supported LD 2268 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Establish a Sponsorship Program for International Medical Graduates (Rep. Anne Perry) which was the result of a stakeholder group that MMA Board Chair James Jarvis, MD served on. We also supported LD 2200 Resolve to Attract and Retain Behavioral Health Clinicians (Sen. Trey Stewart) and LD 904 An Act Supporting the Rural Health Care Workforce in Maine (President Troy Jackson) which wanted to provide health care services with special consideration to underserved areas.

None of the bills were enacted but all served to continue the conversation of the importance of health care workforce. This will continue to be a focus of MMA and MOA.

James Jarvis, MD testifying in support of LD 2268



ALL TRACKED BILLS

Beyond our priorities, we identified over 125 bills that were important for us to monitor and sometimes even testify in support or opposition to based on the recommendations of the MMA/MOA Legislative Committees.

The following is a list of all the bills that we tracked and their outcomes, with links to more information. Due to procedural issues at the end of the Session, some bills have not received a final action but will likely die when the 131st Legislature is over in December. Those bills are marked as "likely dead." Please reach out with any questions!

Bill Information	MMA/MOA Position	Final Outcome
LD 40 , An Act to Amend the Cannabis Laws	Opposed - In Person Testimony	Enacted, P.L. 2024, ch. 679
LD 227 , An Act Regarding Legally Protected Health Care Activity in the State	Supported - In Person Testimony	Enacted, P.L. 2024, ch. 648
LD 254 , An Act to Update the Sex Education and Consent Curriculum	Supported - In Person Testimony	Likely Dead
LD 328 , An Act to Improve Mental Health in Maine	Monitored	Dead
LD 348 , An Act to Make Menstrual Products Available in Certain Schools	Support	Likely Dead
LD 353 , An Act Concerning Substance Use Disorder, Treatment, Recovery, Prevention and Education	MMA/MOA Bill; In Person Testimony	Dead (but Letter Directing 1,000 Lives Campaign to Continue its work and report out to the next Legislature)
LD 435 , Resolve, to Ensure the Provision of Medically Necessary Behavioral Health Care Services for Children in Their Homes and Communities	Monitor	Enacted, Resolves 2024, ch. 158 (emergency, effective March 28, 2024)

Bill Information	MMA/MOA Position	Final Outcome
<u>LD 539</u> , An Act to Provide Substance Use Disorder Counseling for MaineCare Members with an Acquired Brain Injury	Support	Likely Dead
<u>LD 738</u> , An Act to Establish a Paid Family and Medical Leave System	Support	Dead (but was just a vehicle if PFML program needed changes)
<u>LD 780</u> , RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Protect Personal Reproductive Autonomy	Support, <u>In-person testimony</u>	Dead
<u>LD 796</u> , An Act Concerning Prior Authorizations for Health Care Provider Services	MMA/MOA Bill, carried over from last year	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 680</u>
<u>LD 816</u> , An Act to Provide Integrated Behavioral Health Services to Sexual Violence Survivors	Support	Likley Dead
<u>LD 821</u> , Resolve, to Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services	Support	Dead
<u>LD 904</u> , An Act Supporting the Rural Health Care Workforce in Maine	Support	Likley Dead
<u>LD 906</u> , An Act to Ensure Physicians Receive Full Diagnostic Test Data Concerning Tick-borne Diseases	Oppose	Dead
<u>LD 936</u> , An Act to Require Employers to Disclose Pay Ranges and Maintain Records of Employees' Pay History	Monitor	Likely Dead
<u>LD 1114</u> , An Act to Eliminate the Annual Medical Eligibility Determinations of Need for Families of Children with Disabilities	Monitor	Dead

Bill Information	MMA/MOA Position	Final Outcome
<u>LD 1161</u> , An Act to Fund Free Health Clinic	Support	Likely Dead
<u>LD 1205</u> , An Act Regarding the Scope of Practice of Certified Professional Midwives and Certified Midwives	Monitor	Dead
<u>LD 1215</u> , An Act to End the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products	Support, carried over from last Session	Likely Dead
<u>LD 1236</u> , Resolve, to Increase the Provision of Children's Behavioral Health Services in Rural Areas to Provide Support for Families of Children Receiving Services	Monitor	Likely Dead
<u>LD 1304</u> , Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Barriers to Achieving Behavioral Health Integration and Parity	Support	Likely Dead
<u>LD 1360</u> , An Act Requiring Training Regarding and Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences	Monitor	Dead
<u>LD 1407</u> , An Act to Amend the Maine Insurance Code Regarding Payments by Health Insurance Carriers to Providers	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 574</u>
<u>LD 1496</u> , An Act to Prohibit Non Compete Clauses	Monitor	Dead
<u>LD 1498</u> , An Act to Create an Advocacy and Complaint Process for Health Care Providers Within the Bureau of Insurance	Support	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 590</u>

Bill Information	MMA/MOA Position	Final Outcome
<u>LD 1514</u> , An Act to Provide Safe, Short-term Housing to Individuals Recently Released from Correctional Facilities	Support	Likely Dead
<u>LD 1533</u> , An Act to Provide for Consistent Billing Practices by Health Care Providers	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 521</u>
<u>LD 1558</u> , An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies	Monitor	Likely Dead
<u>LD 1577</u> , An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Biomarker Testing	Support	Likely Dead
<u>LD 1633</u> , An Act to Establish a Community-based Reentry Program in All Department of Corrections Facilities	Support	Dead
<u>LD 1639</u> , An Act to Address Unsafe Staffing of Nurses and Improve Patient Care	Oppose	Likely Dead
<u>LD 1705</u> , An Act to Give Consumers Control over Sensitive Personal Data by Requiring Consumer Consent Prior to Collection of Data	Oppose	Dead
<u>LD 1735</u> , An Act to Safeguard Gender-affirming Health Care	Support	Dead (but initiative was passed through LD 227)
<u>LD 1740</u> , An Act to Support an Insured Patient's Access to Affordable Health Care with Timely Access to Health Care Prices	Support	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 584</u>
<u>LD 1742</u> , An Act to Enhance the Use of Critical Incident Stress Management Teams and to Require Peer Team Support	Monitor	Likely Dead

Bill Information	MMA/MOA Position	Final Outcome
<u>LD 1792</u> , Resolve, to Establish the Rural Health Services Task Force	Support	Likely Dead
<u>LD 1793</u> , Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Contract for Discounted Insulin Manufactured and Distributed by Civica Rx	Monitor	Dead
<u>LD 1797</u> , An Act to Expand Maine's Health Care Workforce by Expanding Educational Opportunities	Support	Likely Dead
<u>LD 1815</u> , An Act to Protect Maine's Consumers by Establishing an Abuse of Dominance Right of Action and Requiring Notification of Mergers	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 538</u>
<u>LD 1819</u> , An Act to Create the Maine Medical Cannabis Advisory Commission and the Medical Cannabis Alternative Health Board	Monitor	Dead
<u>LD 1832</u> , An Act to Require Reimbursement of Fees for Treatment Rendered by Public and Private Ambulance Services	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 591</u> (MMA in charge of a stakeholder group)
<u>LD 1858</u> , An Act to Ensure Access to Newly Born Male Infant Circumcision by Requiring MaineCare Coverage	Monitor	Likely Dead
<u>LD 1900</u> , An Act to Establish a Tax Credit for Employers Who Employ Persons Recovering from Substance Use Disorder	Monitor	Dead
<u>LD 1902</u> , An Act to Protect Personal Health Data	Oppose	Dead

Bill Information	MMA/MOA Position	Final Outcome
<u>LD 1908</u> , An Act to Enact the Safe Cosmetics Act	Monitor	Likely Dead
<u>LD 1914</u> , An Act to Enact the Maine Psilocybin Health Access Act	Monitor	Likely Dead
<u>LD 1952</u> , An Act to Allow On-site Cannabis Consumption	Oppose, <u>In-person testimony.</u>	Dead
<u>LD 1955</u> , An Act to Require Hospitals and Hospital-affiliated Providers to Provide Financial Assistance for Medical Care	Oppose	Likely Dead
<u>LD 1956</u> , An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Optometrists	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 580</u>
<u>LD 1973</u> , An Act to Enact the Maine Consumer Privacy Act	Monitor	Dead
<u>LD 1975</u> , An Act to Implement a Statewide Public Health Response to Substance Use and Amend the Laws Governing Scheduled Drugs	Support, <u>In-person testimony.</u>	Likely Dead
<u>LD 1977</u> , An Act to Create the Data Privacy and Protection Act	Oppose	Dead
<u>LD 1990</u> , An Act to Improve the Licensing Procedure for Certain Social Workers by Removing the Examination Requirement	Monitor	Likely Dead
<u>LD 1996</u> , An Act to Regulate Synthetic Hemp-derived Cannabinoids	Oppose, <u>In person testimony.</u>	Dead
<u>LD 2002</u> , An Act to Provide Incentives to Schools That Contract for Certain Social Work and Family Therapy Services	Monitor	Likely Dead

Bill Information	MMA/MOA Position	Final Outcome
<u>LD 2009</u> , An Act to Prevent Abandonment of Children and Adults with Disabilities in Hospitals	Monitor	Enacted, <u>Resolves 2024, ch. 134 (emergency, effective March 6, 2024)</u> .
<u>LD 2021</u> , An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 504</u>
<u>LD 2036</u> , An Act to Remove the Exemption for Certain Roadside Springs from Regulation as Public Water Systems in the Laws Regarding Water for Human Consumption	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 524</u>
<u>LD 2037</u> , An Act to Align the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program with Federal Regulations	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 501</u>
<u>LD 2040</u> , An Act to Restore the Board of Dental Practice's Authority to Issue Letters of Guidance	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 515 (emergency, effective February 29, 2024)</u>
<u>LD 2041</u> , Resolve, to Review Traffic Fatalities Occurring While an Operator Was Under the Influence and Subsequent Prosecution with Respect to Those Occurrences	Monitor	Dead
<u>LD 2043</u> , An Act to Add the State of Maine to the Compact for Licensing Physician Assistants	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 670</u>
<u>LD 2044</u> , An Act to Update Air Quality Health Warnings	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 496</u>
<u>LD 2050</u> , An Act to Expand Accreditation Options for Laboratories That Conduct Blood-alcohol or Drug Testing	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 498</u>

Bill Information	MMA/MOA Position	Final Outcome
<p><u>LD 2054</u>, An Act to Exclude Certain Operating Under the Influence Immunity Provisions That Are Triggered When Law Enforcement Is Called for a Suspected Overdose</p>	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 507</u>
<p><u>LD 2055</u>, An Act to Prohibit the Department of Health and Human Services from Implementing Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Within the MaineCare Program Unless Mandated by the Federal Government</p>	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 576</u>
<p><u>LD 2057</u>, An Act to Require the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and the Board of Examiners in Physical Therapy to Obtain Fingerprint-based Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Background Checks for Applicants for Licensure</p>	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 506</u>
<p><u>LD 2071</u>, Resolve, to Fill All Vacant and Expired Seats on the Emergency Medical Services' Board</p>	Monitor	Enacted, <u>Resolves 2024, ch. 154 (emergency, effective March 26, 2024)</u>
<p><u>LD 2075</u>, An Act to Protect Health Care Workers from HIV</p>	Monitor	Dead
<p><u>LD 2077</u>, An Act Regarding Customer Costs and the Environmental and Health Effects of Natural Gas</p>	Monitor	Likely Dead
<p><u>LD 2080</u>, An Act to Create a Universal Exclusion List for All Forms of Gambling in the State</p>	Support, <u>Submitted written testimony.</u>	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 635</u>

Bill Information	MMA/MOA Position	Final Outcome
<p><u>LD 2083</u>, Resolve, to Establish the Stakeholder Group to Ensure Timely Access to Medication Management Across the State</p>	Support	Enacted, <u>Resolves 2024, ch. 157</u>
<p><u>LD 2085</u>, An Act to Update Maine's Domestic Violence and Stalking Laws</p>	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 519 (emergency, effective March 6, 2024)</u> .
<p><u>LD 2086</u>, An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms</p>	Support, <u>In Person Testimony</u> .	Dead (Vetoed by Governor Mills)
<p><u>LD 2089</u>, An Act to Require Schools to Provide Instruction Regarding Prevention of the Illegal Use of Fentanyl and Other Drugs and Drug Poisoning Awareness in Grades 6 to 12 and to Establish Drug Poisoning Awareness Week</p>	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 601</u>
<p><u>LD 2093</u>, An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food</p>	Monitor	Likely Dead
<p><u>LD 2096</u>, An Act to Ensure Access to Non Opioid, Non Narcotic Medication for Acute Pain Relief</p>	Neither For Nor Against, <u>In Person Testimony</u> .	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 661</u>
<p><u>LD 2100</u>, An Act to Require the Reporting of Alpha-gal Syndrome to the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention</p>	Monitor	Dead
<p><u>LD 2103</u>, An Act to Protect Victims of Domestic Abuse and Violence by Amending the Law Regarding Proximity Restrictions in Final Protection from Abuse Orders</p>	Monitor	Likely Dead

Bill Information	MMA/MOA Position	Final Outcome
<u>LD 2105</u> , Resolve, to Protect and Enhance Access to Behavioral Health Services in Androscoggin County and Surrounding Communities	Monitor	Likely Dead
<u>LD 2114</u> , An Act to Improve Patient Access to and Savings from Generic Drugs and Biosimilars	Support, <u>In Person Testimony</u>	Enacted, <u>Resolves 2024, ch. 177</u>
<u>LD 2115</u> , An Act Requiring Health Care Providers to Engage in Fair Practices When Selling Medical Debt	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 663</u>
<u>LD 2119</u> , An Act to Support Suicide Prevention by Allowing the Voluntary Waiver of Firearm Rights	Support, <u>In Person Testimony</u>	Likely Dead
<u>LD 2120</u> , An Act to Fund the Delivery of Educational Services to Children with Special Needs as Required by State and Federal Law in Special Purpose Private Preschools	Monitor	Likely Dead
<u>LD 2123</u> , An Act Regarding Licensure of Emergency Medical Services Persons	Monitor	Dead
<u>LD 2125</u> , An Act to Establish the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias Advisory Council Within the Department of Health and Human Services and to Require a State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias	Monitor	Likely Dead
<u>LD 2126</u> , An Act Relating to Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 592</u>

Bill Information	MMA/MOA Position	Final Outcome
<u>LD 2128</u> , An Act Regarding Non Emergency Transportation for MaineCare Members	Monitor	Dead
LD 2129, An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Conduct an Inventory of Existing Forensic Examination Kits in the Possession of Law Enforcement	Monitor	Likely Dead
<u>LD 2137</u> , An Act to Join the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 664</u>
<u>LD 2139</u> , An Act to Add Schedule V Substances to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 544</u>
<u>LD 2140</u> , An Act to Enact the Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 674</u>
<u>LD 2147</u> , An Act to Remove the Requirement for Edible Cannabis Products to Be Stamped or Embossed on Each Serving with a Universal Symbol	Opposed, <u>In person testimony.</u>	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 641 (emergency, effective April 21, 2024).</u>
<u>LD 2151</u> , An Act Regarding the Cost of Copies of Medical Records	Monitor	Dead
<u>LD 2153</u> , An Act to Clarify MaineCare Copayments	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 546</u>
<u>LD 2154</u> , An Act to Make Corrections and Updates to the Laws Affecting Children and Families	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 567</u>

Bill Information	MMA/MOA Position	Final Outcome
<u>LD 2157</u> , An Act to Prohibit Tobacco Sales near Schools	Support, <u>In Person Testimony</u>	Dead
<u>LD 2165</u> , Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization	Monitor	Enacted, <u>Resolves 2024, ch. 138</u>
<u>LD 2174</u> , An Act to Protect Consumers from Predatory Medical Credit Card Providers	Monitor	Dead
<u>LD 2175</u> , An Act to Improve Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs in Underserved Areas	Support, <u>In Person Testimony</u>	Likely Dead
<u>LD 2177</u> , Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 29: Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services	Monitor	Enacted, <u>Resolves 2024, ch. 133 (emergency, effective March 6, 2024)</u>
<u>LD 2178</u> , Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 20: Rules for the Licensure of Adult Use Cannabis Establishments, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy	Monitor	Enacted, <u>Resolves 2024, ch. 179 (emergency, effective April 24, 2024)</u>

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<p><u>LD 2185</u>, Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 2: Medical Use of Cannabis Program Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Enacted, <u>Resolves 2024, ch. 168 (emergency, effective March 6, 2024)</u></p>
<p><u>LD 2186</u>, Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 30: Compliance Rules for Adult Use Cannabis Establishments, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Enacted, <u>Resolves 2024, ch. 179 (emergency, effective April 24, 2024)</u></p>
<p><u>LD 2187</u>, Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 10: Rules for the Administration of the Adult Use Cannabis Program, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Enacted, <u>Resolves 2024, ch. 179 (emergency, effective April 28, 2024)</u></p>
<p><u>LD 2200</u>, Resolve, to Attract and Retain Behavioral Health Clinicians</p>	<p>Support, <u>In Person Testimony</u></p>	<p>Dead</p>
<p><u>LD 2203</u>, An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Federally Approved Non Prescription Oral Hormonal Contraceptives</p>	<p>Support, <u>In Person Testimony</u></p>	<p>Likely Dead</p>
<p><u>LD 2211</u>, An Act Regarding Quality of Care and the Board of Trustees at the Maine Veterans' Homes</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Likely Dead</p>

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<p><u>LD 2214</u>, An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025</p>	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 643</u>
<p><u>LD 2223</u>, Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend Rules and Establish a Study Group Related to Funding and Reimbursement for Mental Health Crisis Resolution Services</p>	Monitor	Dead
<p><u>LD 2224</u>, An Act to Strengthen Public Safety by Improving Maine's Firearm Laws and Mental Health System</p>	Support, <u>In Person Testimony</u>	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch 675</u>
<p><u>LD 2229</u>, An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025</p>	Monitor	Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 645 (emergency, effective April 22, 2024)</u>
<p><u>LD 2235</u>, Resolve, Directing the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the State Court Administrator and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to Add a 3rd Option for Gender on State Forms</p>	Monitor	Enacted, <u>Resolves 2024, ch. 163</u>
<p><u>LD 2237</u>, An Act to Strengthen Public Safety, Health and Well-being by Expanding Services and Coordinating Violence Prevention Resources</p>	Support, <u>In Person Testimony</u>	Dead (But Included in the Budget)

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<p><u>LD 2238</u>, An Act to Address Gun Violence in Maine by Requiring a Waiting Period for Certain Firearm Purchases</p>	<p>Support, <u>In Person Testimony</u></p>	<p>Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 678</u></p>
<p><u>LD 2243</u>, Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Amend MaineCare Rules Governing Certain Types of Behavioral and Mental Health Services and to Form a Stakeholder Group to Study Methods for Improving Those Services</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Likely Dead</p>
<p><u>LD 2249</u>, An Act to Protect the Fund for a Healthy Maine</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Dead</p>
<p><u>LD 2255</u>, Resolve, to Reestablish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Likely Dead</p>
<p><u>LD 2267</u>, An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Support International Medical Graduates in Securing Employment</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Dead</p>
<p><u>LD 2268</u>, An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Establish a Sponsorship Program for International Medical Graduates</p>	<p>Support, <u>In Person Testimony</u></p>	<p>Likely Dead</p>
<p><u>LD 2271</u>, An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients to Improve Facility Fee Transparency and Notification and to Prohibit Facility Fees for Certain Services</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 672 (emergency, effective April 25, 2024)</u></p>

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<p><u>LD 2282</u>, An Act to Provide Greater Transparency About the Cost of Insulin and to Promote the Availability of Low-cost Insulin in the State</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Enacted, <u>P.L. 2024, ch. 610</u></p>
<p><u>LD 2283</u>, An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public</p>	<p>Support, <u>In Person Testimony</u></p>	<p>Likely Dead</p>
<p><u>LD 2287</u>, Resolve, to Fully Fund Nursing Homes</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Likely Dead</p>



Connie Adler, MD joined by Representative Landry.



Austin Vaughan, UNE COM Student and Joe Anderson, DO FAAP waiting to testify for the gun safety bills



Katie Adams, M.D. was joined by Representative Gifford



CONCLUSION

Thank you to everyone who made the 131st Legislature a success! There are way too many people to name, but the list includes:

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- The countless coalition partners who showed up to ensure that the public health voice was considered all of the time
- And most importantly, our MMA and MOA members, including our legislative committee cochairs, all of the members who served as Doctor of the Day, and everyone who advocated in some way or another either by showing up to testify or even just writing an email! We know how busy you all are, and we are just so grateful that you are taking the time to share your thoughts.

We are already preparing for the 132nd Legislature, so keep an eye out for continued ways to share your opinion about our future legislative agenda!

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