

# Report of the 125th Maine Legislature

## A Letter from the Board President and Executive Director

Dear members and friends of the Maine Public Health Association,

On behalf of the board of directors and staff of MPHA, it is my pleasure to present to you our first public health legislative report. As a state-wide organization that supports best-practice, evidence-based policy work, we advocate for practice and policy that improves and sustains the health and well-being of all Maine residents. This report documents MPHA priority bills, their final disposition and whether that vote is consistent with MPHA's official position on the bill.

The 125<sup>th</sup> legislative session represents the most challenging session in history for public health interests, resulting in limited advancement in our field related to legislative policy. In an era where science is readily available and policy implementation holds the key to our largest public health problems and related costs, we were truly challenged to understand policy priorities that do not support legislative initiatives to decrease death, disease and financial burden to our society. We look forward to a time when public health and prevention is not a bi-partisan issue but one unanimously supported by all legislators as the right choice for Maine citizens.

Despite the tough climate in Augusta, there were some successes in the 125<sup>th</sup> and many strong advocates exist in our Statehouse. We want thank each of our many members, partners and legislators who helped us achieve our goals. Each bill has a story and we have included a few of those in this report. Please use this report to evaluate how your representatives and senators have weighed-in on important public health measures this past session.

MPHA will continue to be your partner and your advocate into the 126<sup>th</sup> legislative session. We hope you will join us as we work harder than ever to advance public health protections in 2013.

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The Maine Public Health Association is dedicated to improving and sustaining the health and well-being of all Maine residents by advocating for policies and environments that promote public health and health equity. Our diverse membership has a common interest in protecting and advancing the health of Maine people through advocacy, education, research, and service.

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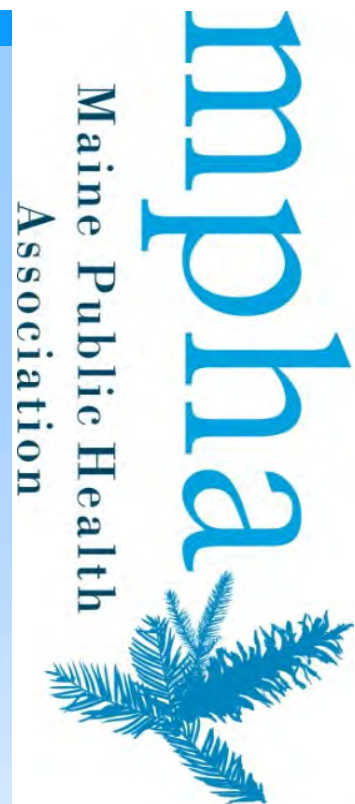
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## Legislative Report

The insert to this issue contains a roll-call report from the 125th Legislature on Maine Public Health Association priority bills.

## Obesity Prevention Legislation

### **LD 505, An Act To Align State Standards Pertaining to Food and Beverages outside of the School Lunch Program to Federal Standards**

- MPHA Position: Supported
- Final Disposition: Public Law 2011, c. 224

### **LD 813, An Act To Require Every School Administrative Unit To Have a Food Service Director**

- MPHA Position: Supported
- Final Disposition: Dead

### **LD 860, An Act To Reduce Student Hunger**

- MPHA Position: Supported
- Final Disposition: Public Law 2011, c. 379

### **LD 936, An Act To Conform Maine Menu Labeling Laws to Federal Standards**

- MPHA Position: Supported amended version
- Final Disposition: Dead

### **LD 971, An Act To Improve the Health of Maine Students**

- MPHA Position: Supported
- Final Disposition: Dead

### **LD 1280 An Act to Establish a Pilot Physical Education Project in Four Maine Schools**

- MPHA Position: Supported
- Final Disposition: Public Law 2011, c. 108

### **LD 1446 An Act to Establish the Maine Farm and Fish to School Program**

- MPHA Position: Supported
- Final Disposition: Resolve 2011, c. 91

## Increasing Physical Activity in Schools

It is a well-documented fact that childhood obesity is a major public health problem in Maine and in the rest of the country. We also know that schools play an important role in combating this problem.



MPHA, with the assistance of Rep. Megan Rochelo (D-Biddeford), searched for creative ways for schools to increase the amount of PE in schools without major added costs. From this partnership came **LD 1280, An Act To Establish a Pilot Physical Education Project in Four Maine Schools**, a bill that proposed a pilot program be established in four different types of schools in order to evaluate what

would be best for Maine students and schools. Rep. Rochelo worked tirelessly with MPHA to educate the Education Committee on childhood obesity and bring awareness to the lack of PE time in Maine schools.

Due to her work, LD 1280 was one of the only bills to pass the Education Committee (13-0) with a fiscal note. Ultimately, the bill was not funded, but a placeholder fund was created in case funding becomes available.

*Final Disposition:* Public Law 2011, c. 108

## Funding the State Cancer Plan

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. That may well be Rep. Meredith Strang Burgess' motto. Whether in her own battle against breast cancer, or trying to help others with cancer, she is persistent. Rep. Strang Burgess (R-Cumberland) knows that kids are enticed by cheap and flavorful chewing tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco, and "little cigars." She also knows that Maine desperately needs more funding for cancer prevention and treatment. With **LD 1226, An Act To Prevent and Treat Cancer in Maine by Implementing Critical Portions of the Comprehensive Cancer Program**, she combined her two goals: keeping tobacco out of the hands of kids, and funding

Maine's Cancer Plan. Rep. Strang Burgess proposed raising the tax on non-cigarette tobacco products so that it equaled the tax on cigarettes in order to fund a portion of the Cancer Plan. Initially met with support, the bill succumbed to misinformation from the tobacco industry during its final work session. Despite efforts by MPHA to correct these misconceptions, the Taxation Committee filed a majority 'ought not to pass' report.

Thank you, Rep. Strang Burgess, for all your efforts.

*Final Disposition:* Dead

## Protecting Tenants from Involuntary Exposure to Secondhand Smoke

Great policy change often begins with the partnership of a constituent, an advocacy group, and a thoughtful and caring legislator. When a tenant with asthma who was struggling to breathe in her new apartment called the Smoke-Free Housing Coalition of Maine they connected her with her representative, Dr. Linda Sanborn (D-Gorham).

The constituent had moved into an apartment building that she assumed was smoke-free; it wasn't. She felt that the lease should have stated that smoking was allowed. If it had, she never would have moved in. Rep. Sanborn and members of MPHA got to work. Rep. Sanborn

sponsored **LD 1067, An Act To Improve Awareness of Smoking Policies in Maine Rental Housing**, a simple but powerful bill that requires landlords to disclose whether or not smoking is allowed on the premises.

Although the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs weakened the original bill, it still does the job. MPHA believes this new law will have a significant impact on awareness of smoke-free housing by tenants and landlords, and increase the availability of smoke-free rental housing throughout the state.

*Final Disposition:* Public Law 2011, c. 199

## Keeping Kids from Smoking

**LD 536, An Act To Help Deter Youth Smoking and To Help Smokers Quit**, would have increased the cigarette tax by \$1.50, from \$2.00 to \$3.50 per pack. This was one of MPHA's priority bills this session, and great effort went into the campaign to pass the legislation despite a difficult political and economic climate for taxes. The proposed tax increase was estimated to generate \$35 million in additional state revenue in the first year, prevent more than 13,000 kids from becoming smokers; save \$295 million in long-term healthcare costs; prevent 6,000 lost lives; and motivate nearly 7,000 adult smokers to quit. Under the bill's original structure, \$1.2 million of the new revenue would have been allocated to the Maine Tobacco Helpline to ensure the program could handle increased call volumes.

In committee, the bill received a vote of 7-6 'ought not to pass.' The minority report contained an amendment that would allocate the additional revenue to three sources: the Fund for a Healthy Maine for the purpose of funding the Maine Tobacco Helpline, the Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents, and MaineCare nursing facility services.

Despite positive support for the bill in committee, and the hard work of sponsor Rep. Elsie Flemings, (D-Bar Harbor), the bill died on the floor with motions to adopt the majority 'ought not to pass' report succeeding in both the House and Senate without a roll-call vote.

*Final Disposition:* Dead

## Protecting Children from Toxic Exposure

**LD 412, Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 882: Designation of Bisphenol A as a Priority Chemical and Regulation of Bisphenol A in Children's Products, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection**, received strong support from the Maine legislature in 2011, with the house voting in support of the resolve 144-3, and the Senate unanimously voting for passage. The resolve sought to phase out the use of the toxic chemical Bisphenol A (BPA) in reusable food and beverage containers, such as baby bottles, and sippy cups.

MPHA worked closely with the Alliance for a Clean and Healthy Maine to see the passage of LD 412, a bill that came in response to the Kid Safe Product Act of 2008. However, there is still work to be done: the resolve only requires the Department of Environmental Protection to make rules regarding BPA use in narrow category of products, thus many people remain exposed to this chemical, which has been found to damage reproductive health and cause cancer.

*Final Disposition:* Resolve 2011, c. 25

## Notes on Methodology

The Maine Public Health Association supports best-practice, evidence and science-based policies that improve and sustain the health and well-being of all Maine residents. The legislative report documents the final roll-call vote each bill received before the legislature and whether this final vote was consistent with MPHA's official position on the bill. Each bill documented was a priority piece

of legislation which the organization was actively engaged.

The Maine Public Health Association does not endorse candidates for office, nor do we advise our members for whom to vote. The purpose of this document is to educate our members on the voting patterns of sitting legislators during the 125th legislative session.

### Tobacco Control and Prevention Legislation

**LD 481, An Act To Make the Cashier or Clerk Who Sells Alcoholic Beverages or Tobacco to an Underage Person Responsible for Paying the Fine**

- MPHA Position: Opposed
- Final Disposition: Dead

**LD 536, An Act To Help Deter Youth Smoking and To Help Smokers Quit**

- MPHA Position: Supported
- Final Disposition: Dead

**LD 589, An Act To Increase the Legal Age To Purchase, Use or Sell Tobacco Products**

- MPHA Position: Supported
- Final Disposition: Dead

**LD 1067, An Act To Improve Awareness of Smoking Policies in Maine Rental Housing**

- MPHA Position: Supported
- Final Disposition: Public Law 2011, c. 199

**LD 1119, An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Sale of Certain Tobacco Products**

- MPHA Position: Supported
- Final Disposition: Dead

**LD 1226, An Act To Prevent and Treat Cancer in Maine by Implementing Critical Portions of the Comprehensive Cancer Program**

- MPHA Position: Supported amended version
- Final Disposition: Dead

**LD 1230, An Act To Prohibit Smoking in Private Clubs Except in Separate Enclosed Areas**

- MPHA Position: Supported
- Final Disposition: Dead

**LD 1505, An Act To Clarify the Scope of Practice of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors Regarding Tobacco Use**

- MPHA Position: Supported
- Final Disposition: Public Law 2011, c. 222



## LD 64: A Lesson in Successful Advocacy

**LD 64, An Act To Make a Violation of the Laws Governing Seat Belts a Secondary Offense**, was a bill that sought to roll back Maine's primary seat belt law. Maine is one of 31 states that allows public safety officials to pull over a car if they see that the driver is not wearing a seat belt. LD 64 attempted to make non-use of a seatbelt a secondary offense, thereby weakening one of our best public health and safety tools.

**2/1:** Former MPHA President, John Lacasse, provides testimony based on research completed by Tina Pettingill, Executive Director of MPHA. He states: "...seat belt use, reinforced by effective seat belt laws, is a proven life and cost saver. On behalf of the more than 300 members of the Maine Public Health Association, I strongly urge you to stand with reason and uphold a law that saves Mainers' lives and dollars."

**2/10:** A majority of the Transportation Committee agrees in a divided 8-5 report that the bill should not pass. Eight of the Committee members understand that seat belt use is a proven method to reduce motor vehicle occupant injuries and related costs, and that the 31 states that have primary enforcement laws have higher prevalence of seat belt use.

**3/15:** Co-sponsor, Senator Ron Collins (R-Wells), calls for a vote on the minority report (not good) and the report is actually accepted 18-17! The next day, the report is up for another vote and it passes again. Senator Bill Diamond (D-Windham), a former Secretary of State who truly understands the impact on the safety of Maine drivers, asks the Senate to reconsider and tables the bill so that we could all get to work.

**3/16-3/17:** Tina gets on the phone with Becky Smith, MPHA's Chief Policy Officer and they start working on a plan. Tina calls AAA, Maine Medical Association, and Dr. Eric Steele, while Becky talks to Sen. Diamond to figure out which Senators might change their mind and vote to protect Maine drivers. Becky and Tina call the HMPs and others in the districts of the "swing" Senators. MPHA, AAA and others make calls, send emails, and make their views known. MPHA activates its powerful grassroots networks and the calls start flooding in to the House and Senate.

**3/23:** At the other end of the hall, the House starts debate on LD 64. The House, however, does the right thing the first time around and voted 51-91 against the minority report. This means that the House and Senate were in "non-concurrence." A strong majority in the House understands that lap shoulder belts reduce the risk of fatal injury to front seat occupants by 45% and the risk of moderate-to-critical injuries by 50%, and save thousands of dollars in avoidable healthcare costs annually.

**3/24:** Not swayed by any safety or cost concerns, Sen. Collins requests that the Senate "insist" on their version of the bill. Sen. Diamond asks the Senate to "recede and concur." The Senate sides with MPHA and Sen. Diamond by a vote of 18-16 and "recedes and concurs." This kills the bill and Maine remains a primary enforcement State.

**3/25:** We start writing our thank you notes to Sen. Diamond and others who helped us achieve this great victory. Meanwhile, downstairs, the fight for the Fund for a Healthy Maine heats up...

## Evaluating the Fund for a Healthy Maine

**LD 1558, Resolve, To Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine**, submitted by Rep. Strang Burgess, proposed the establishment of a commission tasked with reviewing whether allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine were properly aligned with the State's current public and preventive health priorities.

Citing concerns that the proposed commission lacked necessary public health expertise for conducting an effective review of the Fund for a Healthy Maine, MPHA submitted an amendment to remove administrative members from voting

positions and replacing them with four additional public health experts. In addition, minor language changes proposed by Sen. Roger Katz (R-Augusta), and later adopted, allowed the Commission to determine best use of the FHM without required consideration for existing programs.

The bill, as amended, was voted 12-1 'ought to pass' out of committee. It went "under the hammer" in both the House and Senate, and was signed into law by the Governor in July 2011.

*Final Disposition:* Resolve 2011, c. 112





*Ed Miller of the American Lung Association urges legislators to protect the Fund for a Healthy Maine.*

## Impact of Budget Cuts on the Fund for a Healthy Maine

### 1st Regular Session

Maine Public Health Association was proud to be at the forefront of protecting the Fund for a Healthy Maine, which was slated to be dismantled in the Governor's proposed biennial budget. **LD 1043, 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, 2012 and June 30, 2013**, would have reduced program funding by \$36 million over a two year period, eliminating funding to 21 prevention programs.

The Fund for a Healthy Maine is tobacco settlement dollars and one of our only sources of public health infrastructure funds in Maine. After months of debate, it was decided to spare the Tobacco Prevention, Control and Treatment program and the Community and School Grants line in the Fund from any cuts (the proposal was to cut the programs by \$1.5M and \$738K respectively per year). In fact, most Fund programs—including Substance Abuse, Family Planning, Home Visitation, Oral Health, Drugs for the Elderly and Dirigo, to name a few—saw their funding fully or partially restored through the Fund or General Fund allocations. Success!

### 2nd Regular Session

However, in 2012, a DHHS budget issue left the Fund facing another round of painful cuts. Despite intense efforts by MPHA and the Friends of the FHM to preserve and protect the

funding for public health prevention programs, **LD 1746, An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013**, made the following cuts to the Fund for a Healthy Maine's 2013 budget:

- Eliminates FHM funding for Home Visitation
- Eliminates funding for Family Planning
- Eliminates racino funds from accruing to the FHM to fund Drugs for the Elderly (DEL)
- Cuts the DEL/Medicare Savings Program prescription drug plan
- Cuts 1/3rd of the funding for Community and School Grants (School Based Health Centers, Healthy Maine Partnerships, Tribal Health District and UNE Obesity Research)
- Cuts half of the funding for Purchased Social Services (childcare)
- Cuts half of the remaining funds for Oral Health

As a result of these cuts, Maine's public health infrastructure was deeply fractured. Schools will go without coordinated health programs, communities without health centers and services, and the state as a whole as we are likely to see health care costs increase as a result of these shortsighted cuts to prevention.

## FHM Study Commission

*In 2012, the Legislature enacted two bills that originated from the Commission to Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine. These pieces of legislation directly affect how tobacco settlement dollars flowing through the Fund for a Healthy Maine are accounted for, and allocated.*

**LD 1855, An Act Regarding the Fund for a Healthy Maine's Prevention, Education and Treatment Activities Concerning Unhealthy Weight and Obesity**, sponsored by Rep. Meredith Strang Burgess, amends the Fund for a Healthy Maine statute to "[p]revention, education and treatment activities concerning unhealthy weight and obesity." This change added no new programs, but simply added the provision to reflect work that was currently being done.

- MPHA Position: Supported
- Final Disposition: Public Law 2012, c. 617

**LD 1884, An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Fund for a Healthy Maine**, also sponsored by Rep. Meredith Strang Burgess, originally contained two separate provisions: the first called for meetings of the FHM Commission every four years to review the allocations of the FHM. However this provision was struck from the version finally enacted. The remaining provision will create a separate fund so that FHM dollars can be tracked and accounted.

- MPHA Position: Supported
- Final disposition: Public Law, c. 701



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125th House Roll-Call Votes for the Maine Public Health Association's Legislative Priorities

Dist.	Representative	Party	LD 64 RC # 10	LD 116 RC # 138	LD 412 RC # 17	LD 547 RC # 215V	LD 1226 No Roll-Call	LD 1760 No Roll-Call
			Weaken Seat Belt Law	24-Hour Waiting Period of an Abortion	Restrict the Use of BPA in Children's Products	Public Health Nuisance Laws Study	Funding for the State Cancer Plan	Notify Victims of Domestic Violence when Perpetrator Released
3	Bernard L Ayotte of Caswell	R	👍	👎	👍	👎		
135	Paulette G Beaudoin of Biddeford	D	A	👍	A	👍		
68	Michael G Beaulieu of Auburn	R	👍	👍	👍	👍		
148	Roberta B Beavers of South Berwick	D	👍	👍	👍	👍		
76	Henry E M Beck of Waterville	D	👍	👍	👍	👍		
151	Devin M Beliveau of Kittery	D	👍	👍	👍	👍		
141	Paul Edward of Bennett of Kennebunk	R	👎	👎	👍	👎		
67	Seth A Berry of Bowdoinham	D	👍	👍	👍	👍		
70	Bruce A Bickford of Auburn	R	👎	👎	👍	A		
90	Russell J Black of Wilton	R	👎	👎	👍	👎		
56	Anna Blodgett of Augusta	D	👍	👍	👍	👍		
142	Andrea M Boland of Sanford	D	👍	👍	👍	👍		
69	Brian Bolduc of Auburn	D	👍	👍	👍	👍		
93	Sheryl J Briggs of Mexico	D	A	👍	👍	👍		
110	Mark E Bryant of Windham	D	👍	👍	👍	👍		
32	David C Burns of Whiting	R	👍	👎	👍	👎		
138	David Burns of Alfred	R	👍	👎	👍	👎		
19	Emily Ann Cain of Orono	D	👍	👍	👍	👍		
72	Michael E Carey of Lewiston	D	👍	👍	👍	👍		
137	Alan M Casavant of Biddeford	D	👍	👍	👍	👍		
101	Richard M Cebra of Naples	R	👎	👎	👍	👎		
21	Michael Celli of Brewer	R	👍	A	👍	👎		
37	Ralph Chapman of Brooksville	D	👍	👍	👍	👍		
147	Kathleen Chase of Wells	R	👎	👎	👍	👎		
119	Benjamin M Chipman of Portland	U	👍	👍	👍	👍		
10	Herbert E Clark of Millinocket	D	👍	👎	👍	👍		
6	Tyler Clark of Easton	R	👎	👎	👍	👎		
62	Michael H Clarke of Bath	D	A	👍	👍	👍		
66	Alexander Cornell du Houx of Brunswick	D	A	👍	👍	👍		
55	H David Cotta of China	R	A	👎	👍	👎		
104	Dale J Crafts of Lisbon	R	👎	👎	👍	👎		
28	Dean A Cray of Palmyra	R	👎	👎	👍	👎		
91	Jarrold S Crockett of Bethel	R	👎	👎	👍	👎		
86	Philip A Curtis of Madison	R	👎	👎	👍	👎		
39	Andre E Cushing III of Hampden	R	👎	👎	👍	👎		
16	Douglas K Damon of Bangor	R	👎	👎	👍	👍		

26	Paul T Davis, Sr of Sangerville	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
121	Kimberly J. Monaghan-Derrig of Cape Elizabeth	D	~	~	~	~
121	Cynthia Ann Dill of Cape Elizabeth	D	A	~	☞	~
14	James F Dill of Old Town	D	☞	☞	☞	☞
113	Mark N Dion of Portland	D	A	☞	☞	☞
50	Dana L Dow of Waldoboro	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
126	Timothy E Driscoll of Westbrook	D	☞	☞	☞	A
13	Robert S Duchesne of Hudson	D	☞	☞	☞	A
88	Larry C Dunphy of Embden	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
123	Jane E Eberle of South Portland	D	☞	☞	☞	☞
4	Peter E Edgecomb of Caribou	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
105	Eleanor M Espling of New Gloucester	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
146	Mark W Eves of North Berwick	D	☞	☞	☞	A
29	Stacey Allen Fitts of Pittsfield	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
8	Joyce A Fitzpatrick of Houlton	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
35	Elspeth M Flemings of Bar Harbor	D	☞	☞	☞	☞
82	Patrick S A Flood of Winthrop	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
53	Leslie T Fossel of Alna	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
58	Karen Foster of Augusta	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
25	Kenneth Wade Fredette of Newport	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
12	Jeffery Allen Gifford of Lincoln	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
87	Paul E Gilbert of Jay	D	☞	☞	☞	☞
41	James S Gillway of Searsport	R	☞	A	☞	☞
15	Adam A Goode of Bangor	D	☞	☞	☞	☞
109	Anne P Graham of North Yarmouth	D	☞	☞	☞	☞
22	Stacey K Guerin of Glenburn	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
100	James M Hamper of Oxford	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
59	Stephen P Hanley of Gardiner	D	☞	A	☞	☞
116	Denise Patricia Harlow of Portland	D	☞	☞	☞	☞
45	Ryan Harmon of Palermo	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
89	Lance Evans Harvell of Farmington	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
117	Anne M Haskell of Portland	D	☞	☞	☞	☞
94	Teresea Hayes of Buckfield	D	☞	☞	☞	☞
43	Erin Herbig of Belfast	D	☞	☞	☞	☞
118	Jon Hinck of Portland	D	☞	☞	☞	☞
132	George Hogan of Old Orchard Beach	D	☞	☞	☞	☞
131	Robert B Hunt of Buxton	D	☞	☞	☞	☞
107	Melissa Walsh Innes of Yarmouth	D	☞	A	☞	☞
20	David Johnson of Eddington	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
27	Peter B Johnson of Greenville	R	☞	☞	☞	☞
124	Bryan T Kaenrath of South Portland	D	☞	☞	☞	☞



65	Peter S Kent of Woolwich	D	A	👍	👍	👍
83	Dennis L Keschl of Belgrade	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
129	Jane S Knapp of Gorham	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
81	L Gary Knight of Livermore Falls	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
48	Chuck Kruger of Thomaston	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
36	Walter A Kumiega III of Deer Isle	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
71	Michel A Lajoie of Lewiston	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
139	Aaron F Libby of Waterboro	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
9	Ricky Long of Sherman	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
77	Thomas W Longstaff of Waterville	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
115	Stephen Lovejoy of Portland	D	👍	A	👍	A
38	Louis J Luchini of Ellsworth	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
61	W Bruce MacDonald of Boothbay	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
31	Joyce A Maker of Calais	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
34	Richard S Malaby of Hancock	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
57	Maeghan Maloney of Augusta	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
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103	Michael McClellan of Raymond	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
30	Howard E McFadden of Dennysville	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
51	Jonathan B McKane of Newcastle	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
54	Susan E Morissette of Winslow	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
122	Terry K Morrison of South Portland	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
149	Bradley S Moulton of York	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
144	Joan M Nass of Acton	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
112	Mary Pennell Nelson of Falmouth	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
80	Melvin Newendyke of Litchfield	R	👍	👍	👍	A
78	Robert W Nutting of Oakland	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
44	Andrew O'Brien of Lincolnville	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
145	Beth A O'Connor of Berwick	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
64	Kimberly N Olsen of Phippsburg	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
18	James W Parker of Veazie	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
140	Wayne Parry of Arundel	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
125	Ann E Peoples of Westbrook	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
92	Matthew J Peterson of Rumford	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
84	John J Picchiotti of Fairfield	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
133	Donald E Pilon of Saco	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
111	Gary E Plummer of Windham	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
60	Kerri L Prescott of Topsham	R	👍	👍	A	👍
63	Charles Priest of Brunswick	D	👍	👍	👍	👍

97	Helen Rankin of Hiram	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
23	David E Richardson of Carmel	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
49	Wesley E Richardson of Warren	R	👎	👎	👍	👍
42	Peter B Rioux of Winterport	R	A	👎	👍	👎
136	Megan M Rochelo of Biddeford	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
40	Kimberley C Rosen of Bucksport	R	👍	👍	👍	👎
74	Margaret Rotundo of Lewiston	D	👍	👍	👍	A
120	Diane Russell of Portland	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
130	Linda F Sanborn of Gorham	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
52	Deborah J Sanderson of Chelsea	R	👍	👎	👍	👎
99	Ralph W Sarty, Jr of Denmark	R	👎	👎	👍	👎
102	Michael A Shaw of Standish	D	👍	👍	👍	👎
128	Heather W Sirocki of Scarborough	R	👎	👎	👎	👍
17	Sara Stevens of Bangor	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
108	Meredith N Strang Burgess of Cumberland	R	👍	👍	👍	👍
114	Peter C Stuckey of Portland	D	👍	👍	👍	A
2	Charles Kenneth Theriault of Madawaska	D	👍	👎	👍	👎
33	Dianne C Tilton of Harrington	R	👎	👍	👍	👎
96	Jeffrey L Timberlake of Turner	R	👎	👎	👍	👎
79	Sharon Treat of Hallowell	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
11	Beth P Turner of Burlington	R	👎	👎	👍	👎
143	John L Tuttle, Jr of Sanford	D	👍	👎	👍	👍
134	Linda M Valentino of Saco	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
127	Amy Volk of Scarborough	R	👍	👎	A	👍
73	Richard V Wagner of Lewiston	D	👍	👍	👍	A
24	Raymond Wallace of Dexter	R	~	~	~	~
98	G Paul Waterhouse of Bridgton	R	👎	👎	👍	👎
150	Windol C Weaver of York	R	👎	👎	👍	👎
106	David C Webster of Freeport	D	👍	👍	👍	👍
46	Joan W Welsh of Rockport	D	👍	👍	👍	A
7	Alexander Reginald Willette of Mapleton	R	👎	👎	👍	👎
5	Michael J Willette of Presque Isle	R	👎	👍	👍	👎
95	Tom J Winsor of Norway	R	👎	👎	👍	👎
24	Frederick L Wintle of Garland	R	👎	A	👍	A
75	Stephen J Wood of Sabattus	R	👎	👍	👍	👎
	👍 = Supported MPHA's position		91	81	145	73
	👎 = Did Not Support MPHA's Position		51	63	3	66
	A = Absent		9	6	3	11
	E = Excused		0	0	0	0
	Vacancies		0	1	0	1
	TOTAL		151	151	151	151

125th Senate Roll-Call Votes for the Maine Public Health Association's Legislative Priorities

Dist.	Senator	Party	LD 64 RC # 20	LD 116 RC # 193	LD 412 RC # 33	LD 547 No Roll-Call	LD 1226 RC # 226	LD 1760 RC # 452
			Weaken Seat Belt Law	24-Hour Waiting Period of an Abortion	Restrict the Use of BPA in Children's Products	Public Health Nuisance Laws Study	Funding for the State Cancer Plan	Notify Victims of Domestic Violence when Perpetrator Released
8	Justin Alfond of Cumberland	D	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
6	Philip Bartlett of Cumberland	D	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
9	Joseph Brannigan of Cumberland	D	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
2	Ronald Collins of York	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
3	Jonathan Courtney of York	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
16	Margaret Craven of Androscoggin	D	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
12	William Diamond of Cumberland	D	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
7	Cynthia Dill of Cumberland	D	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
32	Nichi Farnham of Penobscot	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
10	Stan Gerzof Sky of Cumberland	D	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
19	Seth Goodall of Sagadahoc	D	☑	E	☑		E	☑
13	David Hastings of Oxford	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
1	Dawn Hill of York	D	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
5	Barry Hobbins of York	D	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
35	Troy Jackson of Aroostook	D	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
20	Christopher Johnson of Lincoln	D	~	~	~		~	☑
24	Roger Katz of Kennebec	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
28	Brian Langley of Hancock	R	E	☑	☑		☑	☑
25	Thomas Martin of Kennebec	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
17	Garrett Mason of Androscoggin	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
21	Earle McCormick of Kennebec	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
14	John Patrick of Oxford	D	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
33	Debra Plowman of Penobscot	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
29	Kevin Raye of Washington	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
22	Christopher Rector of Knox	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
31	Richard Rosen of Hancock	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
18	Thomas Saviello of Franklin	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	E
30	Elizabeth Schneider of Penobscot	D	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
34	Roger Sherman of Aroostook	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
15	Lois Snowe-Mello of Androscoggin	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
4	Nancy Sullivan of York	D	☑	☑	☑		E	☑
23	Michael Thibodeau of Waldo	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
27	Douglas Thomas of Somerset	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	~
20	David Trahan of Lincoln	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
26	Rodney Whittemore of Somerset	R	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
11	Richard Woodbury of Cumberland	U	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑
	☑ = Supported MPHA's position		18	21	35		9	34
	☑ = Did Not Support MPHA's Position		16	13	0		24	0
	A = Absent		0	0	0		0	0
	E = Excused		1	1	0		2	1
	Vacancies		0	0	0		0	0
	TOTAL		35	35	35		35	35