

MAINE AAP

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# MID- SESSION REPORT

MAINE 132<sup>ND</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION

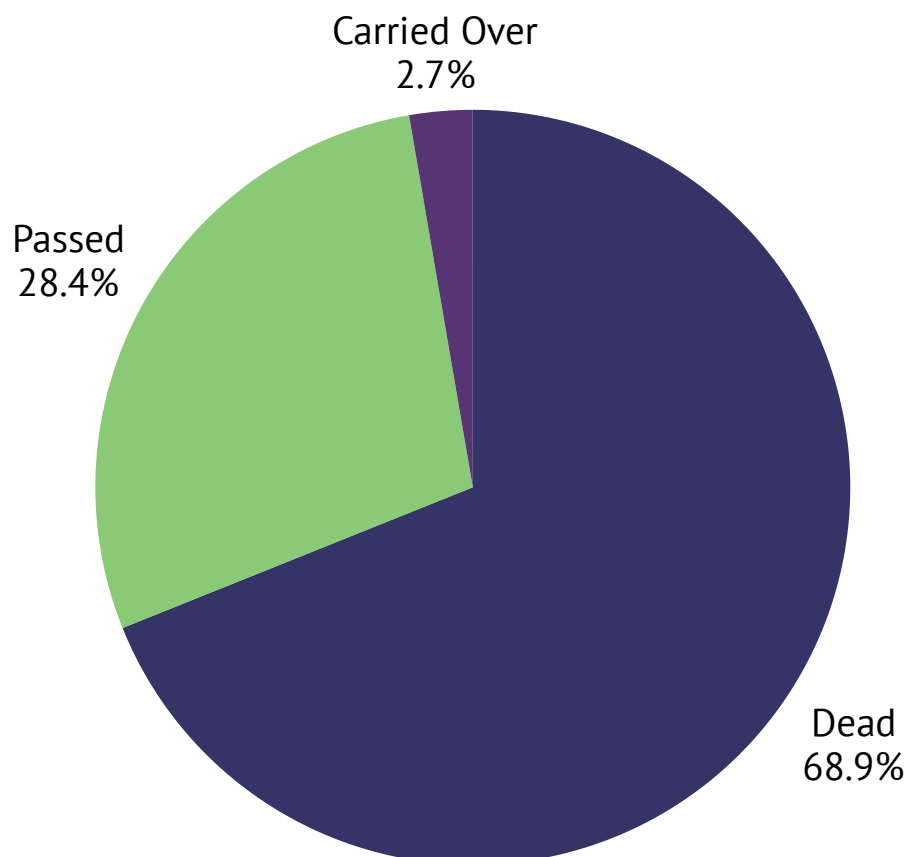


# SESSION SNAPSHOT

**113** testimonies submitted on behalf of the Maine AAP

**90** bills tracked

## Bill Breakdown:



# HIGHLIGHTED WINS

## PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE

### **Tobacco Excise Tax Increase**

*The Legislature passed \$1.50 per pack increase in Maine's tobacco excise tax, a policy with proven public health benefits.*

### **LD 166, An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies**

### **LD 537, An Act to Prohibit the Doxing of a Minor and to Authorize a Related Civil Action**

*This bill makes it illegal to publicly share personally identifying information about a minor without consent, and allows the affected minor to pursue legal action.*

### **LD 1126, An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms - Awaiting Action by the Governor**

*This bill requires untraceable firearms or "ghost guns" to be serialized.*

### **LD 1945, An Act to Clarify Data Collection Processes in Health Care Facilities**

*Exempts providers from collecting sexual orientation and gender identity information from patients who are minors, resolving confidentiality concerns.*

## DEFEATED LEGISLATION

### **LD 174, An Act to Restore Religious Exemptions to Immunization Requirements and LD 727, An Act to Repeal Certain Immunization Requirements for Schools**

*Maine legislators voted to protect Maine's vaccine laws and keep students safe from vaccine-preventable illnesses.*

### **LD 539, An Act to Repeal the Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Program**

*Maine legislators voted to defend Maine's Paid Family Medical Leave program, which will benefit families and businesses.*

### **LD 868, An Act to Ensure Equity and Safety in Athletics, Restrooms, Changing Rooms and Housing at Elementary, Secondary and Postsecondary Schools**

*Maine legislators voted to protect the rights of transgender students to participate on the sports teams and use bathrooms and locker rooms that align with their gender identity.*

### **LD 1570, An Act to Prohibit Fluoridation of the Public Water Supply**

# HIGHLIGHTED LOSSES

## FAILED TO PASS

**LD 677, An Act to Update the Statutory Definition of "Machine Gun" and Prohibit Possession of a Rapid-fire Device**

*Would have revised the state's definition of "machine gun" to explicitly ban the possession of rapid-fire devices.*

**LD 791, An Act Regarding Children with Behavioral Health Needs Awaiting Placement in Residential Care Facilities**

*Would have directed DHHS to establish and maintain a system for tracking and coordinating placements of children with behavioral health needs awaiting placement in residential care facilities.*

**LD 1028, Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Study Equitable Access to Maternal Health Care and Birthing Facilities**

*Would have established a task force charged with studying and improving equitable access to maternal health care and birthing facilities across Maine.*

**LD 1120, An Act to Promote the Secure Storage of Firearms**

*Would have required all gun owners to store their firearms safely and securely to prevent injuries and fatalities.*

**LD 1631, Resolve, to Implement the Recommendations of the Stakeholder Group to Address Child Stay Times in Hospital Emergency Departments**

*Would have directed DHHS to implement the stakeholder group's recommendations to reduce prolonged stays for children in hospital emergency departments.*



# ACTIVE PRIORITIES

## CARRIED OVER

**LD 754, An Act to Ban the Sale, Use and Possession of Single-use Electronic Cigarettes and to Review Extended Producer Responsibility Options for All Batteries**

**LD 896, An Act to Provide Young Children Stable Access to Health Care**

*Seeks to ensure that all children in Maine who enroll in Medicaid or CHIP remain continuously covered from birth until age 6.*

**LD 1746, An Act to Reduce Dental Disease and Ensure Access to Essential Preventive Dental Care Among Maine Children**

*Expands statewide access to preventive dental services—like fluoride treatments and sealants—for children through schools and MaineCare, aiming to reduce dental disease and improve oral health equity.*

**LD 1847, An Act to Institute Testing and Tracking of Medical Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products Similar to Adult Use Cannabis and Cannabis Products, Dedicate a Portion of the Adult Use Cannabis Sales and Excise Tax to Medical Use Cannabis Programs and Create a Study Group**

**LD 1983, An Act to Protect Minors from Intoxicating Hemp-derived Products by Regulating Those Products Under the Adult Use Cannabis Laws**

*Subjects THC-containing hemp products to the same age, packaging, potency, and licensing rules applied to adult-use cannabis products.*

## ON THE BALLOT

**Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) Referendum**

If approved by the voters, it would create a law permitting family or household members to petition a court for an ERPO that temporarily removes firearms when someone is deemed a serious risk to themselves or others.

