

LD #	BILL TITLE (Bill Title Color Code: Bills we Support, Bills of Interest to the Lake Community, Bills of Concern)	REP/SEN	SPONSOR	CTE.	Hearing Date/Time	Room	Talking Points
55	An Act to Provide Funding for the Restoration of China Lake	Rep	Therault	EUT	not scheduled yet		
	A concept draft to charge customers of the Kennebec Water District a fee to restore the water quality of China Lake. The fee would be based on per/gallon KWD customer use and pertain for a limited time.						
160	An Act to Prohibit the Mining of Massive Sulfide Ore Deposits under the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act	Rep	Duschesne	ENR			
	This is one of several bills seeking to prohibit mining practices that that poison rivers, lakes streams, and groundwater. Metallic mining produces acid leachates that can escape, dissolve heavy metals in surrounding rock and pollute water. Public health, drinkig water, wildlife - - including eastern brrook trout, recreation, are all at risk here. Historically, taxpayers are often left with clean-up costs. This bill seeks to prohibit mining for metallic ore containg massive amouts of sulfide ore, more than 1,000,000 tons of sulfide ore content. <i>See also LD 253, LD 254, LR 1442 An Act to Protect Maine's Clean Waters & Taxpayers from Mining Pollution</i>						
178	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Provide Jobs, Improve Road Infrastructure and Protect Water Resources, a Maine Lakes Society Bill	Rep	Black (R)	AFA	not scheduled yet		
	A \$5,000,000 bond that will increase funds for correcting lakes, rivers, streams and wetlnd pollution. Bill provides an in-state match to federal 319 funds for High Priority Lake Watersheds, doubles funds for Nonpoint Source Pollution projects. Protects lakes, provides contrator jobs, and restores road and culvert infrastructure. <i>Vital because EPA grants (including 319 funds) are under scrutiny by the new administration. Help us on this one.</i>						
253	An Act to Repeal Maine Metallic Mineral Mining	Rep	Chapman	ENR	not scheduled yet		
	Concept draft for a bill to repeal Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 9 enacted in 2012 as Public Law 2011. This is the fourth session in which the fight over regulating metallic mining in Maine continues. This highly significant issue involves toxic leachates and their effect on rivers, lakes, streams and wildlife. Acid Leachates that dissolve heavy metals in surrounding rock and pollute surface and ground waters are acommon legacy of metallic mining. The last holdouts of Eastern Brook Trout as well as lakes, streeams,groundwater are at stake. See also LD 150, LD 254, LR 1442 An Act to Protect Maine's Clean Waters & Taxpayers from Mining Pollution						
254	An Act to Impose a Moratorium on Metallic Mineral Mining in Maine	Rep	Chapman	ENR	not scheduled yet		
	An Emergency Measure that would halt metallic mineral mining by preventing the Department of Environmental Protection from issuing permits for metallic mineral mining. <i>See also LD 160, 253, and LR 1442</i>						
359	An Act to Protect Maine Lakes and Ponds from Invasive Species	Rep	Ginzler	ENR	not scheduled yet		
	This act requires that an invasive species sticker be affixed to the bow of any passive watercraft placed or operated on inland waters of the state. The revenues from this <i>one-time \$5.00 fee</i> for the sticker will go to the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund (ME DEP, 80%) and the Lake and River Protection Fund (ME IF&W %20).						
352	An Act to Require the Use of Personal Flotation Devices in Canoes	Sen	Maker	IF&W	not scheduled yet		
	This bill requires that a Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III be present in canoes underway on Maine waters						
343	An Act to Prohibit the Discharge of a Firearm within 300 feet of a State-owned Boat Launching Ramp	Sen	Davis	CJ&PS	not scheduled yet		
	This bill makes discharging a firearm within 300 feet of a state-owned Boat Launch a Class E Crime punishable by 6 months incarceration and \$1,000 fine.						

357	An Act to Create a Penalty for the Discharge of Septic Wastes from a Watercraft into the Inland Waters	Rep	Fay	ENR	not scheduled yet		
	This creates a penalty of not less than \$1,000 for the discharge of waste from watercraft or from operating on inland waters a watercraft with a permanently installed waste disposal system if it does not have a holding tank to prevent the discharge of sanitary waste into inland waters.						
399	An Act to Revise Maine's Environmental Laws	Rep	Tucker	ENR	not scheduled yet		
	Concept Draft: An Act to Revise Maine's Environmental Laws.						
414	An Act to Create the Maine Forest Resources Council	Sen	Saviello	ACF	not scheduled yet		
	Concept draft to protect Maine's public forests and enhance their value by requiring reporting on forest inventory, growth and harvest, educating new loggers, bolstering recreation, and improving access, and more.						
418	An Act to Educate the Public on the Proper Use of Pesticides and Integrated Pest Management Using Existing Resources	Rep	Black	ACF	not scheduled yet		
	Concept Draft: This bill proposes that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry direct the board of Pesticides Control to educate the public on the proper use of pesticides and to promote Integrated Pest Management (IPM) using funds already appropriated to the board for this purpose. This is important in itself and counters several bills that would prevent towns from banning the use of pesticides in their jurisdictions.						
LR #	BILLS NOT YET PUBLISHED: no Legislative Document Number (LD#) assigned yet						
1977	An Act to Standardize the Law Concerning Property Transfers and to Protect Water Quality, a Maine Lakes Society Bill	Rep	Hilliard (R)	ENR			
	Current law requires subsurface waste water treatment systems (septic systems) in coastal shorelands be inspected by a Licensed Plumbing Inspector (LPI) when property ownership changes. The bill extends jurisdiction to all shoreland zones to protect lakes, rivers, wetlands and certain streams from septic effluents.						
1442	A Act to Protect Maine's Clean Waters and Taxpayers from Mining Pollution	Sen	Carson	ENR			
	This measure may become the lead bill in the effort to limit metallic mineral mining before it ruins Maine waters. Bans mining under floodplains, public lands, rivers, lakes, and coastal waters. Sets limits on groundwater pollution and requires mining companies to pay for environmental disasters. Companion measures include LD 160, 253 and 254.						
1363	An Act to Increase Funding for Youth Conservation Corps	Sen	Saviello	ENR			
	This bill seeks \$100,000 over two years to fund summertime jobs for Maine high school age and college students working for Youth Conservation Corps. YCC's install Best Management Practices at low or no charge to home owners to prevent pollution (dirt) from degrading the State's lakes, rivers, wetlands and certain streams.						
1365	An Act to Better Understand and Control Milfoil	Sen	Saviello	ENR			
	This bill proposes a thorough needs assessment for milfoil prevention, control and removal, so that for funds is based on an accurate assessment of the current problem and future trends.						
1781	An Act to Improve Shoreland Zoning Rules and Enforcement to Support Municipalities	Rep	Blume	ENR			
	The Bill increases the limit on civil penalties for violations of SZA; Require DECD to provide advanced training for CEO's; require that photos of the proposed site for work within the Shoreland Zone be submitted with applications for permits and photos of completed work be provided afterwards; do not permit DECD to						

	eliminate CEO training for shoreland zoning and comprehensive plans if DECD has limited funding; require that DEP notify the local CEO when a NRPA Perit by Rule is issued within their jurisdiction; require DEP to notify the offending party of enforcement action if local CEO requests enforcement assistance from DEP					
2103	An Act to Clarify the Laws governing Shoreland Zoning	Rep	Hamann	ENR		
	Concept Draft: We expect a friendly bill - content unknown at this time.					
2152	An Act to Increase Vegetative Buffers in the Shoreland Zone	Rep	Blume	ENR		
	Concept Draft. Exact content has not been determined; title is a placeholder.					