



Maine Medical
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MMA-MOA JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

FOR THE 131ST MAINE LEGISLATURE, SECOND REGULAR SESSION
Frank O. Stred Building, Manchester, Maine, or via Zoom
Thursday, December 14, 2023, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89020838932?pwd=0Vacn7eee5LvZpEQzzKkwJnwvaaZS8.1>

Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions, Committee Co-chairs (15 Minutes)**

MMA: Kevin Fickenscher, MD, Henk Goorhuis, MD

MOA: Kathryn Brandt, DO, MS, MEdL, Jodie Hermann, DO, MBA

In the interests of time, we ask that attendees keep their introductions brief: name, specialty, location, and/or organization.

2. **Informational/Housekeeping, Sarah Lepoff (15 minutes)**

Review of Meeting Packet

Regular Legislative Update Schedule

- a. Beginning Thursday, January 4th, weekly Legislative Updates will be held every Thursday from 6:00-7:00pm through the statutory adjournment date of April 17th, 2024.
- b. Agendas for the updates will be published in the MMA's e-newsletter (Maine Medicine Weekly Update) and the MOA's e-newsletter on Wednesday afternoons.

Please be sure your e-mail addresses are updated for these publications. If you are not on these mailing lists, please provide either Ms. Lepoff or Ms. Mahan with your e-mail address.

- c. LD Tracking sheets will be regularly updated and available on both the MMA and MOA websites.

Doctor of the Day Program

Maine State Legislature

Maine Senate: 22 D, 13 R

Maine House: 80 D, 68 R, 2 Independent, 1 vacancy

Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature

Pathways for admission of bills in the Second Regular Session:

- Carryover bills from the First Regular Session
- Bills admitted by the Legislative Council:
<https://legislature.maine.gov/doc/10437>
- State agency bills:
<https://legislature.maine.gov/doc/10298><https://legislature.maine.gov/doc/10298>
- Governor's bills (may be submitted at any time)
- "After deadline" bills admitted by the Legislative Council throughout the session.

FY 2024-2025 Supplemental budget situation

Brief discussion of interim studies, carry over bills of interest, and task forces, Andy MacLean (30 minutes) Similar format to the weekly updates.

1. [LD 796](#): An Act Concerning Prior Authorizations for Health Care Provider Services
2. [LD 1795](#): An Act to Create Greater Transparency for Facility Fees Charged by Health Care Providers and to Establish the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients
3. [LD 937](#): Resolve, to Establish the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine
4. [LD 129](#): Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County
5. Other

Discussion of likely public policy response to the mass shooting in Lewiston on 10/25/23, Various (30 minutes)

Legislator panel: Preview of the 131st Maine Legislature, Second Regular Session, Various (30 minutes)

6. The Honorable Sam Zager, MD
7. The Honorable Jane Pringle, MD
8. Guest TBD
9. Guest TBD

Other business
Adjourn