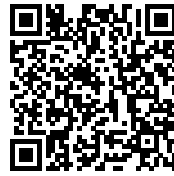




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This legislator voted constitutionally on **40%** of the votes shown below.

★ Pro-liberty ✗ Anti-liberty ? Did not Vote **Vote**

1. LD956 Gender Records (Passed 22 to 8 on 5/18/2023). --
Requires healthcare facilities to collect data on sexual orientation and gender identity during intake and whenever demographic information is gathered. ?

2. LD1101 Energy Scoring System (Passed 22 to 10 on 6/12/2023). No
Creates a home energy scoring system to evaluate residential building energy efficiency, estimating energy use and costs, suggesting improvements, and aligning with the US Department of Energy's standards. ★

3. LD1376 Minimum Wage (Passed 22 to 11 on 6/13/2023). No
Increases the state minimum wage of \$15 per hour. ★

4. LD868 Civil Rights (Passed 23 to 8 on 6/12/2023). Yes
Extends the protections of the Maine Civil Rights Act to include actions that cause "emotional distress" or "fear of violence". ✗

5. LD616 Abortion (Passed 23 to 11 on 6/21/2023). Yes
Ensures that medical malpractice insurers in Maine cannot penalize healthcare professionals who offer reproductive health services solely because they face disciplinary actions in another state for providing those services. ✗

6. LD1040 MaineCare Sex Changes (Passed 23 to 10 on 6/20/2023). Yes
Mandates that MaineCare provide reimbursement for treatment related to "gender dysphoria." ✗



MAINE LEGISLATIVE **SCORECARD** BASED ON THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Sen. Richard Bennett **ME Scorecard 2023**
Lifetime Score: 55% **2023-2024 Regular Session Score 40%**

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U.S. Constitution, Amendment I --- 11 C.F.R. §114(4)(c)(4) --- 616 F.2d 45 (2d Cir. 1980)

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Bill Descriptions for the Votes that Affect You

1. Gender Records

LD956 requires healthcare facilities to collect data on sexual orientation and gender identity during intake and whenever demographic information is gathered.

The Maine State Senate passed LD956 on May 18, 2023 by a vote of 22 to 8. We have assigned pluses to the nays because for years the Left has been promoting radical Marxist ideas that an individual can decide whatever gender they want to be. The indoctrination that leads people to believe that they can choose their pronouns and identify as a different gender is immoral. Scientifically and biblically, there are only two genders and health officials should know better.

2. Energy Scoring System

LD1101 creates a home energy scoring system to evaluate residential building energy efficiency, estimating energy use and costs, suggesting improvements, and aligning with the US Department of Energy's standards. Recipients can voluntarily report their scores to the trust, which maintains a database of these scores.

The Maine State Senate passed LD1101 on June 12, 2023 by a vote of 22 to 10. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this is a ridiculous expansion of government and invasion of privacy. This legislation violates the fourth amendment which ensures, "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures." Additionally, this legislation aligns with the goals outlined in Agenda 2030.

3. Minimum Wage

LD1376 increases the state minimum wage of \$15 per hour.

The Maine State Senate passed LD1376 on June 13, 2023 by a vote of 22 to 11. We have assigned pluses to the nays because minimum wage laws are anti-constitutional acts of government-imposed theft that violate the right to freedom of contract between employers and employees. They go against free-market principles and disparage the principles of both the 5th and 14th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution, which were intended to protect "private property" and guarantee "equal protection of the laws" for all Americans.

4. Civil Rights

LD868 extends the protections of the Maine Civil Rights Act to include actions that cause "emotional distress" or "fear of violence", allowing the Attorney General to take legal action to safeguard these rights and empowering individuals affected to seek relief through civil actions.

The Maine State Senate passed LD868 on June 12, 2023 by a vote of 23 to 8. We have assigned pluses to the nays because taking legal action against "emotional distress" or "fear of violence" is just another red flag-type law, potentially stripping people's First Amendment right to free speech. These terms are broad and vague, and interpretation could be subjective.

5. Abortion

LD616 ensures that medical malpractice insurers in Maine cannot penalize healthcare professionals who offer reproductive health services solely because they face disciplinary actions in another state for providing those services.

The Maine State Senate passed LD616 on June 21, 2023 by a vote of 23 to 11. We have assigned pluses to the nays because Maine should act to ban abortion, which disregards the unalienable right to life endowed by God to every person. States have a duty to not only secure this most sacred right, as guaranteed by both the 5th and 14th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution, but to also reject the notion that "health care" is in any manner the legitimate object of government.

6. MaineCare Sex Changes

LD1040 mandates that MaineCare provide reimbursement for treatment related to "gender dysphoria." It also prohibits discrimination in reimbursement based on a MaineCare member's "gender identity."

The Maine State Senate passed LD1040 on June 20, 2023 by a vote of 23 to 10. We have assigned pluses to the nays because taxpayers should not be on the hook to cover sex change surgery for its citizens.