

## Final Status on 50 Environmental Rollback Bills

Sponsor	LD = Bill LR = Title	Title	Bill Impacts [Committee Action] NP = Bill never printed	Final Outcome
AYOTTE	LD 671	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Ground Water Oil Clean-up Fund	[Amended to eliminate worst provisions] Would weaken Maine's ability to clean-up contaminated sites, resulting in increased pollution of ground and surface water. Provided new powers to a clean-up oversight board, and changed appointments to stack the deck with oil industry representatives.	Rollback Defeated
BRIGGS	LD 333	Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Amend Its Rules Regarding Snow Dumps	[Amended; sent to new rulemaking] Would increase pollution in Maine lakes, rivers, and coastal waters by exempting all municipal snow dumps from water discharge regulations.	Rollback Defeated
CEBRA	LD 1387	An Act To Restore Exemptions in the Natural Resources Protection Act	[Adopted] Weakens protection of aquatic life in rivers and streams by expanding exemptions for getting a permit for replacing culverts at road crossings. Allows less effective culvert replacements, perpetuating the ecological barriers caused by poorly designed culverts.	Rollback Adopted
CHASE	LD 387	An Act To Amend the Natural Resources Protection Act Regarding Coastal Sand Dune Systems	[Amended; acceptable language] Could weaken protection of ecologically sensitive sand dunes.	Rollback Defeated
CLARK	LD 379	An Act To Stop Unfunded Mandates Concerning Waste Discharge Licenses	[Defeated] Attorney General ruled it would be illegal. Would have blocked DEP from requiring municipalities to meet certain improvements in their wastewater discharge operations.	Rollback Defeated
COLLINS	LD 339	An Act to Prohibit Municipal Ordinances More Stringent than State Guidelines	[Withdrawn] Would block towns from protecting water quality, shoreland, and habitat with high values.	Rollback Defeated
COLLINS	LD 872	An Act To Clarify the Natural Resources Protection Act	[Defeated at Committee] Weakens protections for vernal pool habitat, high and moderate value waterfowl and wading bird habitat, and shorebird habitat.	Rollback Defeated
COLLINS	LD 434	An Act To Exempt Wetlands Created by Obstructions or Barriers from the Shoreland Zoning Laws	[Defeated at Committee] Major weakening of shoreland zoning; blocking shoreland zoning protection for "non-original" wetlands -- a definition that could preclude all wetland protections.	Rollback Defeated
CRAY	LD 930	An Act To Clarify Maine's Phaseout of the "Deca" Mixture of Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers	[Amended; acceptable changes] Creates a loophole in the law phasing out the toxic chemical deca, so that other toxic flame retardants could be used. Result would be an unnecessary increase in human exposure to toxics.	Rollback Defeated
CRAY	LD 485	An Act To Ensure the Greatest Possible Public Benefit from Energy Efficiency Spending	[Defeated at Committee] Would have the effect of eliminating the allocation of energy efficiency funding to low income households and small business consumers, potentially shifting most funds to large consumers.	Rollback Defeated
CURTIS	LD 888	An Act To Allow Flexibility under Municipal Shoreland Zoning Ordinances	[Defeated at Committee] Allows 30% expansion of "nonconforming" structures within shoreland zone, weakening shoreland protections of habitat and water quality.	Rollback Defeated
CUSHING	LD 1477	An Act to Protect Owners of Real Property	[Turned into study bill; legislation expected next year] Would create extreme "regulatory takings" law enabling property owners to demand compensation from the state and towns in order to comply with land use laws.	Debate Postponed to Next Year
DAVIS	LD 17	An Act To Reform the Land Use and Planning Authority within the Unorganized Territories of the State	[Defeated at Committee; Issue carried forward in LD 1534] Abolishes LURC, which would result in less protection, more scattered development, and fragmentation of Maine's forestlands.	Rollback Defeated
DAVIS	LD 55	An Act to Restore Hunting to the Katahdin Lake Region	[Withdrawn] Threatened independent management of Baxter State Park and the complex agreement providing for protection of Katahdin Lake and access to other lands.	Rollback Defeated
DAVIS	LR 1653	An Act To Make the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Optional for Towns with Fewer than 10,000 Residents	[NP: Withdrawn] Destroys Maine's uniform energy and building code, exempting 508 out of Maine's 525 towns, resulting in more homes built that waste energy and waste money for homeowners.	Rollback Defeated

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DUNPHY	LD 502	An Act To Place a Moratorium on Expedited Permitting of Grid-scale Wind Energy Development	<b>[Defeated at Committee]</b> Blocks development of clean energy; perpetuates status quo fossil fuel systems; and blocks jobs while moratorium is in place.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
EDGEComb	LD 228	An Act To Revise Notification Requirements for Pesticide Application	<b>[Adopted]</b> Eliminates registry that allows Maine people to be notified about aerial spraying of pesticides near their homes, so they can take precautions.	<b>Rollback Adopted</b>
EDGEComb	LD 321	An Act To Change the Qualifications of Certain Members of the Board of Pesticides Control	<b>[Adopted]</b> The Board of Pesticides Control is comprised of 7 members, two of which by law needed to be members of the public with "a demonstrated interest in environmental protection." The bill strikes this qualification, potentially reducing the level of concern for environmental and public health impacts of pesticide use in Maine.	<b>Rollback Adopted</b>
FITTS	LD 1417	An Act To Exempt Wine Bottles from Maine's Container Redemption System	<b>[Defeated in Committee]</b> Would weaken Maine's highly successful bottle bill by exempting wine bottles. This and other bills were part of a broad attack on Maine's bottle bill.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
GIFFORD	LD 1534	An Act To Reform Land Use Planning Authority within the Unorganized Territories	<b>[Abolishing LURC deferred; flawed study bill adopted]</b> Would abolish Land Use Regulation Commission, transferring responsibilities to county level. This would increase costs and decrease stewardship of Maine's unique North Woods.	<b>Debate Postponed to Next Year</b>
GOV. LEPAGE (introduced by Flood)	LD 1043	Governor LePage Budget for FY 2012 and FY 2013; <u>includes abolishing State Planning Office (Part FF) effective January 1, 2012.</u>	<b>[Amended; SPO abolishment not mandated]</b> Includes proposal to eliminate State Planning Office, directing creation of a working group comprised only of Administration officials (no stakeholders) to develop legislation that would implement dismantlement. Legislation to be considered next session.	<b>Debate Postponed to Next Year</b>
HAMPER	LD 1129	An Act To Provide the Department of Environmental Protection with Regulatory Flexibility	<b>[Amended; acceptable language]</b> Would gut the Kid Safe Products Act, drastically limiting the scope of the bill to a narrow range of products that expose children to toxic chemicals.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
HARVELL	LD 43	An Act To Repeal the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code	<b>[Defeated at Committee]</b> Blocks energy codes that are projected to save Maine \$100 million in energy costs over next 10 years.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
HASTINGS	LD 1255	Resolve, to Study Initiatives to Increase Recycling in Maine	<b>[Defeated at Committee]</b> Would initiate a study process, supported by major beverage corporations, that could weaken Maine's bottle bill.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
KESCHL	LD 1405	An Act to Amend the Laws Restricting Advertising on Public Ways	<b>[Defeated at Committee]</b> Would result in drastic proliferation of "on-premises" advertising signs, with larger and taller signs across Maine -- including next to highways. Resulting signs would look like billboards, and would weaken our billboard ban.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
MARTIN T	LR 1974	An Act To Repeal the Bottle Redemption Law and Restructure the Return of Recyclable Materials	<b>[NP: Withdrawn]</b> Would eliminate one of Maine's most important programs for promoting recycling, reducing waste, and creating jobs	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
MCKANE	LD 1416	An Act to Provide Options to Municipalities Concerning the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code	<b>[Adopted as amended; unacceptable final language]</b> Eviscerates Maine's uniform energy codes by creating exemption for all towns of less than 4,000 -- representing 40% of Maine. Will result in less consistency, less protection for new homeowners, less reduction in energy bills, and more pollution.	<b>Rollback Adopted</b>
MOULTON	LD 789	An Act To Eliminate the Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security	<b>[Defeated at Committee]</b> Eliminates office with important role to help improve Maine's vulnerability to energy prices shocks	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
PRESCOTT	LD 1324	An Act To Create Consistency and Fairness in Maine's Bottle Bill	<b>[Defeated at Committee]</b> Would cripple Maine's highly successful bottle bill program by removing all containers larger than 28 ounces.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
RAYE	LD 1	An Act to Ensure Regulatory Fairness and Reform	<b>[Amended; acceptable language]</b> Initially included a broad range of environmental rollback proposals introduced by the Governor.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
RECTOR	LD 156	An Act To Clarify the Regulation of Impacts to Significant Vernal Pool Habitats under the Natural Resources Protection Act	<b>[Defeated at Committee]</b> Weakens protections of vernal pools, important habitat for rare species, amphibians, and other wildlife.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>

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ROSEN	LD 425	An Act To Stimulate Demand for Renewable Resources	<b>[Carried over to next session]</b> Undermines both renewable energy policy and solid waste management policy by providing new ratepayer subsidies for existing trash incineration plants that pollute the air and rely on trash imported into Maine.	<b>Bill Carried Over</b>
SAVIELLO	LD 512	An Act Regarding the Disposition of Mercury-Added Lamps	<b>[Adopted in amended form; unacceptable final language]</b> Could increase exposure to mercury at businesses, schools, and hospitals as a result of authorizing of use of bulb crushing devices for mercury-containing lamps. Such machines release mercury pollution.	<b>Rollback Adopted</b>
SAVIELLO	LD 515	An Act To Review State Water Quality Standards	<b>[Approved at Committee]</b> Weakens pollution standard for inorganic arsenic in Maine's waters for purposes of wastewater discharge and ambient water quality regulations.	<b>Rollback Adopted</b>
SAVIELLO	LD 614	An Act To Expedite the Review of Certain Maine Land Use Regulation Commission and Department of Environmental Protection Applications	<b>[Defeated at Committee]</b> Requires outsourcing of permitting process in certain circumstances, including possibly to contractors with major conflict of interest issues.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
SAVIELLO	LD 159	An Act To Foster Economic Development by Improving Administration of the Laws Governing Site Location of Development and Storm Water Management	<b>[Amended at Committee; acceptable language]</b> Would result in more habitat destruction and degraded water quality in Maine due to weakened Site Law thresholds	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
SAVIELLO	LD 793	An Act To Protect Ratepayers While Enhancing Energy Independence and Security	<b>[Amended so Maine remains in RGGI]</b> Requires Maine to withdraw from Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, the New England electrical grid, and stop long-term contracts for renewable energy -- major attacks on addressing climate change and renewable energy.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
SAVIELLO	LD 222	An Act To Provide for the Appointment of Directors in the Department of Environmental Protection	<b>[Withdrawn]</b> Would politicize DEP, undermine morale, and create instability if Commissioner given ability to fire leading staff.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
SHERMAN	LD 1258	An Act to Improve Land Use Planning and Permitting in the Unorganized Territories	<b>[Defeated in Committee]</b> Would abolish the Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) as we know it today, turning it into an economic development agency, resulting in new threats to Maine's unique forested landscape comprised of more than 10 million acres of unorganized townships.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
SHERMAN	LD 925	An Act To Improve Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard	<b>[Defeated at Committee]</b> Eviscerates Maine's Renewable Energy Portfolio policy by making eligible natural gas, nuclear power and massive Canadian hydropower.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
SNOWE-MELLO	LD 281	An Act To Create a 5-year Statute of Limitations for Environmental Violations	<b>[Adopted in amended form]</b> Weakens environmental enforcement, potentially allowing violators to escape accountability, transferring costs to taxpayers.	<b>Rollback Adopted</b>
SNOWE-MELLO	LD 219	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Shoreland Zoning	<b>[Defeated at Committee]</b> Drastic weakening of Maine's shoreland zone, increasing pollution to lakes, rivers, coastal waters; damaging habitat.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
SNOWE-MELLO	LD 1135	An Act To Protect the Rights of Property Owners	<b>[Defeated at Committee]</b> This "takings" legislation could result in the state and municipalities having to pay land owners to comply with Maine laws governing environment, safety, and health. Identical to law that was passed, then repealed, in Oregon, which generated \$20 billion in claims.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
SNOWE-MELLO	LD 1390	An Act to Revise the Reporting Requirements for Oil Spills	<b>[Defeated at Committee]</b> Allows individuals to spill up to five gallons of oil and not report those spills to the DEP, if they don't think the spill will pollute water supplies. Such a determination is difficult, so bill could increase pollution.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
THIBODEAU	LD 1570	An Act to Reduce Energy Prices for Maine Consumers	<b>[Amended at Committee; generally acceptable language]</b> Would undermine Maine's renewable energy policies by suspending Maine's Renewable Portfolio Standard, which requires 1% increase in new renewables provided by energy providers until 10% reached in 2017. Bill also undermining large-scale energy efficiency efforts by the state.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>
THOMAS	LD 341	An Act To Exempt Artificial Wetlands and Artificial Significant Vernal Pool Habitats from State Regulation	<b>[Defeated at Committee]</b> Weakens protections of vernal pools, important habitat for rare species, amphibians, and other wildlife.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>

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THOMAS	LD 1367	An Act to Restore Maine's Secondary Roads	<b>[Carried over to next session; billboard provision lacks support]</b> Would eliminate Maine's ban on billboards by allowing the Dept. of Transportation to allow billboards on 8,500 miles of Maine roadways, and use the lease fees for road improvements.	<b>Bill Carried Over</b>
THOMAS	LD 729	An Act To Prohibit Electric Utilities from Entering into Long-term Supply Agreements	<b>[Amended to acceptable form]</b> Would eliminate Maine's ability to directly purchase renewable energy at rates favorable to ratepayers; thus, interferes with shift away from imported fossil fuels.	<b>Rollback Defeated</b>