



# MRRA Government Affairs Committee

MRRA Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting

October 27, 2025



# Who are we and what do we do?

- ▶ 2025 Committee members: Vanessa Berry, Eric Dyer, Tramp King, Bea Johnson, and Cindy Isenhour
- ▶ Advocate on behalf of MRRA's members
- ▶ Does not and cannot involve support of specific political candidates
- ▶ Includes:
  - ▶ The Committee meets weekly during the legislative session to review bills and consider what, if any, position to take; and what specific actions to take
  - ▶ MRRA's position could be in support of, in opposition to, or neither for nor against, a specific bill
  - ▶ Provide testimony, either in person or in writing, regarding legislative bills of interest to our members
  - ▶ May also include offering input on rule-making matters led by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection or the Maine Board of Environmental Protection

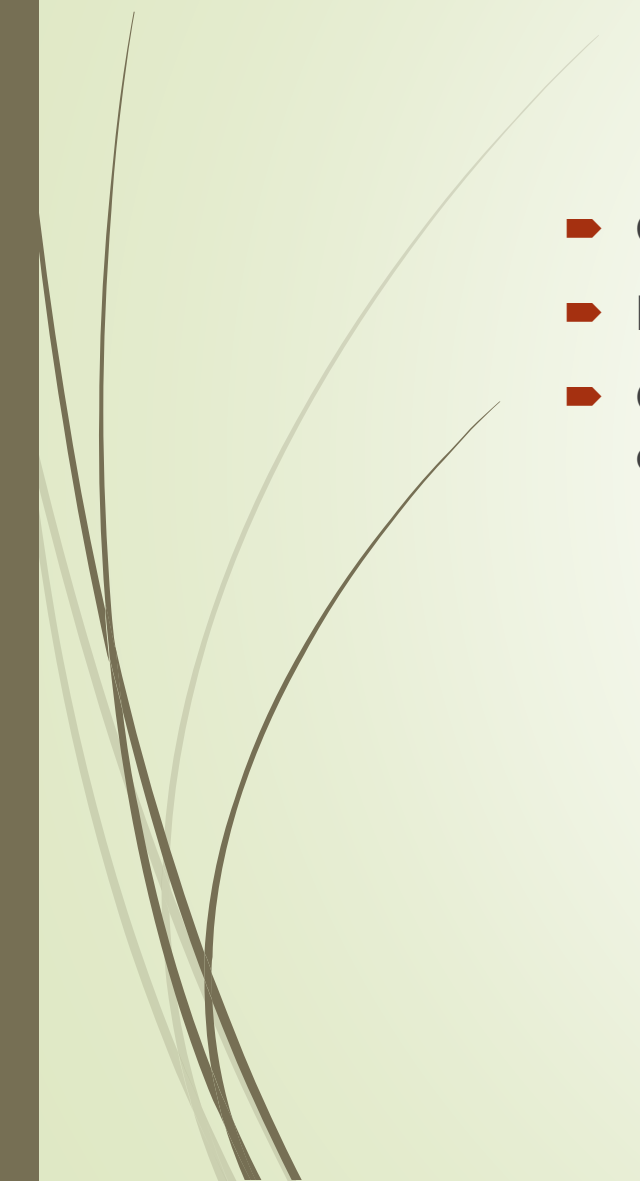


# How Can You Participate?

- ▶ MRRA strives to keep members informed of what's going on in Augusta
- ▶ Feel free to contact MRRA staff or any individual GA Committee member to offer input
- ▶ Submit testimony directly on behalf of your community
  - ▶ In person, virtual, or written
- ▶ Contact your local legislator(s) with any input you may have
- ▶ Don't underestimate the influence that you may have!



# What's next?

- ▶ Collaborate with the Maine Municipal Association
  - ▶ Enhance our communication with the MRRA membership
  - ▶ Offer some training on how the legislative and rule-making processes work; and how you can get involved
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Committee	LD #	Emergency?	Bill Title	Status	Link to Bill Text	Sponsor	Topic
ENR	222		An Act to Establish a Take-back and Disposal Program for Firefighting and Fire-suppressing Foam to Which Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Have Been Added	Passed	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/billtracker/#Paper/222?legislature=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/billtracker/#Paper/222?legislature=132</a>	Ankeles	PFAS
ENR	400		Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to Compile a Statewide Inventory of Aqueous Film-forming Foam Concentrate	Passed	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0254&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0254&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Ankeles	PFAS
ENR	1065		An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste	Passed	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0438&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0438&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Brenner	Organics Recovery
ENR	1423		An Act to Improve Recycling by Updating the Stewardship Program for Packaging	Passed	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0579&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0579&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Baldacci	EPR Rollback
CJPS	121		An Act to Include Brush and Yard Debris in the Definition of "Litter"	Passed	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0038&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0038&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Black	Litter
ACF	356		Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control to Prohibit the Use of Rodenticides in Outdoor Residential Settings	Passed	<a href="https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0142&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0142&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Bennett	Toxics
ENR	407		An Act to Prohibit the Use of Aqueous Film-forming Foam at the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station	Passed	<a href="https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0261&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0261&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Ankeles	PFAS
ENR	1306		An Act to Continue the Exemption for Polystyrene Disposable Food Service Containers Purchased at Wholesale	Passed	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0536&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0536&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Bradstreet	Plastics
ENR	1564		An Act to Amend Maine's Beverage Container Redemption Law	Passed	<a href="https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1022&amp;item=2&amp;snum=132">https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1022&amp;item=2&amp;snum=132</a>	Soboleski	Bottle Bill
ENR	987		An Act Clarifying Exemptions from the Law Regulating Products Containing PFAS	Passed	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/backend/App/services/getDocument.aspx?documentId=112387">https://legislature.maine.gov/backend/App/services/getDocument.aspx?documentId=112387</a>	Farrin	PFAS
ENR	1604		An Act to Protect Ground and Surface Waters from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Landfill Leachate	Passed	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0641&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0641&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Tipping	PFAS
ENR	1782		An Act Regarding Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Planning and the Juniper Ridge Landfill in the City of Old Town	Passed	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1193&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1193&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Dill	JRL
ENR	1793		An Act to Amend Eligibility Criteria Under the Maine Solid Waste Diversion Grant Program	Passed	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0695&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0695&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Grohoski	Grants

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ENR	1786		An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Provide Certain Information Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to the Public and Private Drinking Water Well Owners	Passed	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1197&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1197&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Arford	PFAS
ENR	297		An Act Regarding the Management of Oversized Bulky Waste from Wastewater Treatment Plants	Passed	<a href="https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0197&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0197&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Bridgeo	PFAS
ENR	231		An Act to Update the Solid Waste Management Hierarchy	Dead	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0154&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0154&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Campbell	Hierarchy
ENR	235	Yes	Resolve, Regarding the Operation and Future Capacity of State-Owned Landfills	Dead	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0158&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0158&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Campbell	Landfills
ENR	56	Yes	An Act to Remove the 5 Cent Fee for Bags in Retail Stores	Dead	<a href="#">132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE</a>	Lemelin	Plastics
ENR	69		An Act to Repeal the Law Restricting the Use of Certain Plastic, Paper and Single-use Bags	Dead	<a href="#">132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE</a>	Bagshaw	Plastics
ENR	479		An Act to Facilitate Expansion of the State's Recycling Efforts Under the Beverage Container Redemption Program	Dead	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0308&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0308&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Chapman	Product Stewardship
ENR	1035		Resolve, to Study the Safe Disposal of Propane Canisters	Dead	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0664&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0664&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Rana	Product Stewardship
ENR	1928		An Act to Prohibit Lodging Establishments from Providing Single-use Plastic Containers	Dead	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1289&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1289&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Gramlich	Plastics
ENR	92		An Act Regarding the Management of the Waste Components of a Solar Energy Development upon Decommissioning	Dead	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0057&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0057&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Lemelin	Renewables
ENR	476		An Act to Ban the Sale of Polystyrene Packing Peanuts in the State	Dead	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0216&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0216&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Tepler	Plastics
ENR	827		An Act to Allow the Sale of Polymer-coated Cookware That Is Authorized for Food Contact by the United States Food and Drug Administration	Dead	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0351&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0351&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Timberlake	PFAS, Sludge

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ENR	920		Resolve, to Review Efficiencies in the Licensing of Solid Waste Disposal Facilities by the Department of Environmental Protection	Dead	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0585&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0585&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Campbell	Licensing
EUT	1063		An Act to Require Competitive Procurement of Electricity from Generators Fueled by Municipal Solid Waste in Conjunction with Recycling	Dead	<a href="https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0692&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0692&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Dill	WTE
ENR	1122		An Act to Amend the Law Banning Single-use Carry-out Bags	Dead	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0741&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0741&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Warren	Plastics
ENR	1349		An Act to Require Legislative Approval for a Contract to Operate the Juniper Ridge Landfill	Dead	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/backend/App/services/getDocument.aspx?documentId=114128">https://legislature.maine.gov/backend/App/services/getDocument.aspx?documentId=114128</a>	Tipping	JRL
ENR	1582		An Act to Clarify the Combining of Materials in Beverage Containers	Dead	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1040&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1040&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Cloutier	Bottle Bill
ENR	1721		An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Commingling of Beverage Containers	Dead	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1148&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1148&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Hepler	Bottle Bill
ENR	1349		An Act to Require Legislative Approval for a Contract to Operate the Juniper Ridge Landfill	Dead	<a href="https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0566&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0566&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Tipping	JRL
ENR	1633		An Act to Promote the Recycling and Reuse of Construction Materials	Dead	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1087&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1087&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	White	CDD
ENR	1903		An Act to Conform the State's Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Laws to Federal Standards	Dead	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0744&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0744&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Timberlake	PFAS
ENR	1165		An Act to Create a Fund for Safe Disposal of Hazardous Fluids from Salvage Yards	Dead	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0770&amp;item=1&amp;snum=133">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0770&amp;item=1&amp;snum=133</a>	Cluchey	HHW

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ENR	754		An Act to Ban the Sale, Use and Possession of Single-use Electronic Cigarettes	Carried Over	Bennett	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0262&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0262&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Product Stewardship
ENR	605		An Act to Provide Solutions for Sustainable Management of Municipal Solid Waste	Carried Over	Campbell	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0373&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0373&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Concept Draft
HED	292		An Act to Implement the Automotive Right to Repair Working Group Recommendations	Carried Over	Collamore	<a href="https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0192&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0192&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Right to Repair
AFA	25	BOND	An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Wastewater Treatment Facility Planning and Construction of Infrastructure Projects	Carried Over	Brenner	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0040&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=SP0040&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	PFAS, Sludge
ENR	1177		Resolve, to Study the Public Health and Environmental Risks from Synthetic Turf	Carried Over	Gramlich	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0782&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP0782&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	PFAS
ENR	1519		An Act to Create a Stewardship Program for Electronic Smoking Devices and Related Products	Carried Over	Gramlich	<a href="https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1004&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132">https://legislature.maine.gov/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1004&amp;item=1&amp;snum=132</a>	Product Stewardship

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ENR	2602	Y	An Act to Support the Forest Products Industry by Amending the Definition of "Compostable Packaging Material" Within the Extended Producer Responsibility Program	Rejected	Bennett	Product Stewardship
ENR	2640	Y	An Act to Provide Transparency and Accuracy at Transfer, Trash and Recycling Facilities	Rejected	Lemelin	Facilities Management
ENR	2659	Y	An Act to Direct Existing Fees for Tire Disposal to Tire Disposal Processors	Rejected	Campbell	Other Materials Management
ENR	2722	Y	An Act to Reduce the Use of Plastic and Polystyrene	Likely to Appeal	Gramlich	Plastics
ENR	2726	Y	An Act to Improve the Management of Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at the State-owned Juniper Ridge Landfill	Likely to Appeal	Tepler	Facilities Management
ENR	2733	Y	An Act to Promote the Responsible Management of State-owned Landfills by Requiring the Submission of Certain Safety, Accountability and Financial Information in the Competitive Bidding Process	Likely to Appeal	Gramlich	Facilities Management
ENR	2748	Y	An Act to Prohibit Landfill Expansion into Wetlands	Likely to Appeal	Dill	Facilities Management
ENR	2845	Y	An Act to Clarify the Department of Environmental Protection's Approval Process for the Operating Plan of the Maine Beverage Recycling Group	Approved	Campbell	Product Stewardship
ENR	2854	Y	An Act to Invest in Maine's Natural Resources Economy	Rejected	Brenner	Product Stewardship
ENR	2925	Y	An Act to Provide Transparency in the Operation of Waste Management Facilities	Likely to Appeal	Osher	Facilities Management
ENR	2943	Y	An Act to Reduce Microplastics in Marine Environments	Rejected	Grohoski	Plastics