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To: MSC/MYCA Member Camps
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Legislative Status Report #5

Jack Erler has now reviewed 890 LDs in this legislative session. The following are of interest to youth camps and Jack is monitoring.

LD 483 An Act To Promote Small Businesses by Enhancing the Use of On-premises Signs. This bill is a broadside against Maine's "no billboard" law that has been on the books since the 1970s. An email was sent to all camp members on March 5th with details of the bill and informing camps of the opportunity to attend the hearing on Friday, March 8th at 9:00 am before the Transportation Committee in State House Room 126. MYCA also provided contact information for the Transportation Committee members for anyone who wishes to send a letter expressing their opposition. Anyone can testify at the hearing or send a letter. We believe there will be widespread opposition to the bill by many other groups and individuals.

LD 611 An Act To Adjust Maine's Minimum Wage Annually Based on Cost-of-living Changes. This bill raises the minimum wage to \$8.50 per hour beginning October 1, 2013, and it requires the minimum hourly wage to be adjusted for inflation on October 1st of each year, beginning October 1, 2014. Monitoring.

LD 723 An Act To Ensure the Proper Treatment of Bullying Situations in Schools. This bill applies to schools but anything laws applicable to schools may affect camps in one way or the other.

LD 758 An Act To Protect Boats, Moorings and Docks in the Inland Waters of the State. This bill closes to fishing inland waters within 250 feet of shorelines containing docks, boats, moorings or swimming floats and requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to implement this closure. This bill will bring out every fisherman and sportsman in Maine and has scant change of passing. Monitoring.

LD 816 An Act To Reduce the Property Tax Burden and Improve the Circuit breaker Program. This bill is a concept draft which means we don't what the bill will actually say.

LD 824 Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Develop a Rural Land Use Development Process. This resolve directs the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a rural land use development process that would exempt from state regulation the development in rural areas of certain land within significant wildlife habitat. The unregulated development of rural land is not likely to be of benefit to camps..

LD 846 An Act To Improve and Modernize the Authority of Local Health Officers. This bill is another concept draft. Among other things, it repeals the prohibition on local health officers' entering licensed establishments for purposes of inspection. This would permit municipal health officers to enter camps.

LD 888 An Act To Provide Funding to the Judicial Branch to Facilitate Reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. This bill would provide funding to permit the Department of Public Safety to report to the FBI information on any order for involuntary commitment thus improving background check information.