



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Here we go! On December 1st, the 125th First Regular Session of the Maine Legislature began. The Republicans now control both the House of Representatives and the Senate. There are new legislative leaders and new policy committees. Many of the decisions are still in the works; committee realignments; committee membership; etc.

We do know that the first official bill to be introduced in the new session is LD 1, An Act to Ensure Regulatory Fairness and Reform. The intent is to create a bi-partisan Joint Select Committee on Regulatory Reform to reach out to the public on key issues that are impediments for businesses success and the creation of jobs. The LePage administration is also engaged in a similar process being called Red Tape Reform; learn more at [www.lepagetransition.com](http://www.lepagetransition.com).

The next session day for the Legislature is December 17th where they will decide on the Joint Rules that will govern how the two chambers will conduct business. Stay tuned for more updates and details on the newly elected legislature that will lead Maine for the next two years.

Happy Holidays!

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