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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 128th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

LD 71 **Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Request That the United States Secretary of Transportation Place Maine in the Atlantic Standard Time Zone** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| DILLINGHAM K BRAKEY E | ONTP | |

This resolve directs the Secretary of State to request that the United States Secretary of Transportation place Maine in the Atlantic Standard Time zone. This resolve is subject to approval by the voters at referendum.

LD 93 **An Act To Reduce Fuel Costs to State and Local Government** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MIRAMANT D COOPER J | ONTP | |

This bill amends the law regarding state government purchases of cars and light duty trucks with respect to fuel efficiency requirements. The bill removes the current exception from the fuel efficiency requirement for vehicles purchased for law enforcement and other special use purposes. The bill also establishes fuel efficiency requirements, at the same level as the state requirements, for county and municipal government purchases of cars and light duty trucks.

LD 105 **An Act To Create a Centralized Authority To Combat Opiate Addiction in Maine** **CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| HYMANSON P | | |

This bill establishes an office within the Department of Health and Human Services to coordinate efforts in the State to combat addiction to opiates.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 150 **An Act Regarding the Funding of Volunteer Fire Departments** **PUBLIC 33**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| THERIAULT T MAKER J | OTP-AM | H-46 |

This bill repeals statutory language that authorizes a municipality to make appropriations to an incorporated volunteer fire department without itemizing the purposes for which the appropriation will be spent when the amount appropriated is \$1,000 or less.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-46)

This amendment clarifies that municipal appropriations, in any amount, to volunteer fire departments must be