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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 Judiciary

This amendment was not adopted.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

LD 112 An Act To Further Limit the Liability of Landowners Who Permit the Use of Land for Outdoor Recreational Activity ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GINZLER P HAMPER J	ONTP	

Current law, known as the "Landowner Liability Law," limits the liability of landowners who allow certain outdoor recreational or harvesting activities on their land, as long as the land is not primarily used for commercial recreational purposes. This bill extends that limited liability to landowners who allow their land to be used for the construction, maintenance or expansion of trails or ancillary facilities used to pursue outdoor recreational activities. See also LD 39.

LD 123 An Act To Recodify and Revise the Maine Probate Code CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>

This bill, which is being submitted pursuant to Resolve 2015, chapter 73, section 1, recodifies and revises the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18-A and amends other laws affected by this recodification and revision accordingly.

Resolve 2013, chapters 5 and 82 directed the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission to review the existing Probate Code and the latest version of the Uniform Probate Code and develop legislative recommendations based on the review. The Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission submitted legislative recommendations in a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary of the 127th Legislature on December 6, 2014 and included revisions to the recommendations in a subsequent report submitted November 20, 2015. The purpose of this bill is to adopt the Uniform Probate Code as the Maine Uniform Probate Code, incorporating the changes recommended by the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission, and to reorganize the Probate Code to be more logical, while bringing the language into conformity with current drafting standards, clarifying current law and eliminating inconsistencies within Title 18-A.

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

LD 125 An Act To Allow an Order Not To Resuscitate To Be Presented in the Form of an Indelible Mark ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TURNER B	ONTP	

This bill prohibits emergency medical treatment providers from starting resuscitation on a person when an order not to resuscitate is presented in the form of an indelible mark, such as a tattoo, on the person's chest.