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STATE OF MAINE  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 128<sup>th</sup> 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 128<sup>th</sup> 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 Health and Human Services*

**LD 324 An Act To Allow Corrections Officers To Administer Naloxone**

**PUBLIC 220  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIPPING R CUSHING A	OTP-AM	H-191

This bill adds corrections officers to the list of persons authorized to administer naloxone hydrochloride.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-191)**

This amendment clarifies that the authority to administer naloxone hydrochloride includes county and regional jail corrections officers as well as state corrections officers. The amendment specifies that a corrections officer must possess a certification from the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in order to administer naloxone hydrochloride. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 220 adds state corrections officers and county and regional jail corrections officers to the list of persons authorized to administer naloxone hydrochloride. Corrections officer must possess a certification from the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in order to administer naloxone hydrochloride.

Public Law 2017, chapter 220 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2017.

**LD 326 An Act Regarding the Licensing of Family Foster Homes**

**ONTP**

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

This bill prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from denying a license for a family foster home for the reason that a prospective foster parent residing in that home has a preexisting medical condition unless that medical condition would materially affect the safety or well-being of a child placed in that home.

**LD 335 An Act To Expand Child Care Options for Children Placed with Older Kinship Guardians**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NADEAU C DAVIS P	ONTP	

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse 100% of the child care expenses incurred by an adult relative guardian of a minor if the guardian is 60 years of age or older and has an annual income of \$50,000 or less. The bill also prohibits the department from requiring the guardian to be employed a minimum number of hours per week in order to receive the reimbursement.