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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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LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION**

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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 Select Committee on Marijuana Legalization Implementation*

**LD 545      An Act To Ensure Maine's Unorganized Townships and Plantations      CARRIED OVER**  
**Maintain Local Control under Laws Legalizing Marijuana**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAMANN S BRAKEY E		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposes to ensure that unorganized townships and plantations maintain local control under laws legalizing marijuana.

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

**LD 596      An Act To Promote Highway Safety by Restricting the Use of Marijuana      CARRIED OVER**  
**and Possession of an Open Marijuana Container in a Motor Vehicle**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COREY P ROSEN K		

This bill makes it a traffic infraction to consume marijuana or a marijuana product or to possess an open container of marijuana or a marijuana product in the passenger area of a motor vehicle. This bill is similar to the provisions of law making consuming alcohol or having an open container of alcohol in the passenger area of a motor vehicle a traffic infraction.

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

**LD 625      An Act To Prohibit the Location of a Marijuana Facility within 2,000      CARRIED OVER**  
**Feet of a House of Public Worship or Property Associated with a House**  
**of Public Worship**

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

This bill prohibits a retail marijuana establishment or retail marijuana social club from being located within 2,000 feet of a house of public worship or property associated with a house of public worship.

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

**LD 626      An Act To Provide Funding for County Jails from Sales Tax Collected      CARRIED OVER**  
**on Retail Sales of Marijuana and Marijuana Products**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STETKIS J WHITTEMORE R		

This bill distributes 25% of tax revenues from the sales tax on retail marijuana and retail marijuana products to the counties to support county jail operations. The funds distributed to the counties under this bill must be distributed according to the formula established for funds in the County Jail Operations Fund and must be used to supplement