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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 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 Marine Resources**

**LD 617      An Act To Allow the Sale of Saltwater Smelt for Bait**

**Accepted Majority  
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HIGGINS N DAVIS P	ONTP OTP	

This bill allows the holder of a smelt wholesaler's license to possess and sell at the licensee's business facility smelts taken from the State's coastal waters.

**LD 622      An Act To Ensure Appropriate Training for Harbor Masters**

**PUBLIC 54**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BATTLE K CUSHING A	OTP-AM ONTP	H-33

This bill clarifies that the Maine Harbormaster's Association or its successor organization is the entity that provides the required training for harbor masters and deputy harbor masters appointed or reappointed by a municipality.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-33)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment specifies that the training course that harbor masters and deputy harbor masters must complete must be offered by a statewide harbor masters association that represents Maine harbor masters.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 54 provides that the training course that harbor masters and deputy harbor masters must complete must be offered by a statewide harbor masters association that represents Maine harbor masters.

**LD 646      An Act Regarding Municipal and Regional Shellfish Management Programs**

**ONTP**

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

This bill limits the authority of a shellfish conservation ordinance to the intertidal zone within a municipality. It also allows the Commissioner of Marine Resources to grant regional shellfish management programs additional powers beyond those powers granted to municipal shellfish management programs.

**LD 647      An Act Regarding Certain Shellfish Certificates and Permits Issued by the Department of Marine Resources**

**PUBLIC 224**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIMMONS A	OTP-AM	H-334