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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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development*

This bill requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmacy to convene a work group to propose updates to the Maine Pharmacy Act and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development. The joint standing committee may report out a bill concerning the report to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

**LD 656**

### **An Act To Improve the Ability of Maine Companies To Manufacture and Market Biobased Products**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILL J TIPPING R	OTP-AM ONTP	S-43

The bill provides a one-time appropriation of \$1,500,000 to the Maine Technology Institute to provide competitive grants for the development, production and marketing of bioplastics.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-43)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It specifies that the grants are for the development, production and marketing of biobased products.

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 661**

### **An Act Regarding the Chain of Custody in Crematories**

**PUBLIC 101**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T MARTIN J	OTP-AM	S-60

This bill requires crematories to prepare signed and dated certificates of cremation certifying the identity of the human remains and to present this certificate to the funeral director or other authorized person. The bill further requires crematories to label the container containing human remains with the name of the person who was cremated.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-60)**

This amendment:

1. Retains the requirement in the bill that crematories label the container containing cremated remains with the name of the deceased person;
2. Retains the requirement in the bill that crematories prepare a certificate of cremation in order to identify the remains that were cremated but allows crematories to rely on the funeral director or authorized person's identification of the remains prior to cremation; and
3. Requires, whenever cremated remains are buried in a public burying ground, that the person in charge of the public burying ground endorse and provide the date that the cremated remains were buried on the permit for final disposition issued by the State Registrar of Vital Statistics or the clerk of the municipality in which the public burial ground is located.

#### **Enacted Law Summary**