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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 Veterans and Legal Affairs**

**LD 713      Resolve, Authorizing Legislation To Streamline the Laws Governing the      ONTP**  
**Licensing and Conduct of Beano and Games of Chance**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEVIN M DIAMOND B	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs to meet to develop proposals to streamline the laws governing beano and games of chance with the purpose of simplifying licensure, maximizing revenue to licensed charitable organizations and easing the administrative and enforcement burdens of the Chief of the State Police. The resolve requires the chief to provide certain information regarding licensing, revenues and costs of administration to the committee.

**LD 714      An Act To Create an Award Program for Maine's Veteran-friendly      ONTP**  
**Workplaces**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEVIN M CARSON B	ONTP	

This bill creates a veteran-friendly workplace award program through which the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services recognizes employers that employ veterans and that support those veterans by making accommodations to allow the veterans to access or attend medical treatments and appointments and other veteran-related services during the work day.

**LD 715      RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine      ONTP**  
**To Amend the Citizen Initiative Process**

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

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to require that a direct initiative petition contain signatures of at least 15% of the registered voters in each county. The Constitution of Maine currently requires a petition to contain a number of signatures equal to at least 10% of the total vote for Governor cast in the last gubernatorial election.

This resolution requires the Secretary of State to hold at least one public debate on the measure proposed in the petition in each senatorial district at which the full text of the measure and any amended form, substitute or recommendation of the Legislature must be read aloud in its entirety.

**LD 716      An Act To Improve Requirements for Reporting to the Commission on      Died Between**  
**Governmental Ethics and Election Practices      Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARRY W COLLINS R	ONTP OTP	