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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

**LD 758**      **An Act To Provide Free Admission for Permanently Disabled Persons at  
Maine State Parks**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAILEY D	ONTP	

This bill establishes the State Parks Access Pass Program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands. The program allows free entry into state parks for persons determined to be permanently disabled.

**LD 760**      **An Act To Promote Safety with Respect to Touching Livestock or Other  
Animals**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FULLER R	ONTP	

This bill requires a person who makes livestock or any other animal, including fowl, available for touching by the general public to provide suitable hand washing facilities or disinfectant for members of the public to sanitize their hands. The bill also requires that the person post signs at certain places informing the public of the necessity of washing or sanitizing hands after touching animals and of the location of the hand washing facilities or disinfectant. This bill does not apply if the animal that is touched is a cat, dog or other animal commonly used as a domestic pet or if the touching of livestock or other animal is in a private setting by a guest or social invitee of someone who is familiar with the person who allows the touching of livestock or another animal.

**LD 828**      **An Act To Require a Veterinarian to be Present at an Agricultural Fair**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARPENTER M JOHANSEN C	ONTP	

This bill requires a licensed veterinarian to be on the premises or available on call during all agricultural fairs.

**LD 834**      **An Act To Restructure Harness Racing within the Department of  
Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAREAN D	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This emergency bill proposes to authorize the State Harness Racing Commission to make changes to the number of days that commercial tracks are required to hold harness races and to restructure harness racing venue criteria.