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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 128th 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 128th 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 Environment and Natural Resources

11. It authorizes, subject to the incorporation of specified amendments, final adoption of Chapter 200: Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that was submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A on January 13, 2017.

12. It clarifies the rule-making authority of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission under the Mining Act and directs the commission, by July 1, 2018, to adopt rules related to commission certification of metallic mineral mining permit applications under the Mining Act. Those rules are routine technical rules.

LD 867 An Act To Mitigate the Spread of Invasive Milfoil in Wilson Stream ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ACKLEY K BELLOWS S	ONTP	

This bill provides \$15,000 to the Town of Monmouth for the construction of a gate with an electronic locking mechanism to restrict motor vehicle access at the public access point to Wilson Stream. The bill also requires the town to record an educational voice message that explains the dangers of invasive milfoil and how to obtain the code to unlock the gate. This message must be made available by telephone.

LD 881 An Act To Increase Wastewater Management Responsibility by Licensing Certain Municipal Sewage Collection Systems ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T	ONTP	

This bill requires municipal satellite collection systems to be licensed by the Department of Environmental Protection as subpermittees under the licenses of publicly owned treatment works. It requires the department to issue a license to a municipal satellite collection system if the municipal satellite collection system meets operation and maintenance standards established in rules adopted by the department.

LD 894 An Act To Increase Funding for the Youth Conservation Corps ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T	ONTP	

This bill increases funding beginning in fiscal year 2018-19 for the program established by the 127th Legislature to reduce shoreline erosion and protect lake water quality to be implemented and administered by a private organization contracted with by the Department of Environmental Protection. The bill directs the department for the years 2018 and 2019 to distribute appropriated funds for the program through a competitive bid process and requires the contracted private organization to use labor from a youth conservation corps in the summers of 2018 and 2019 to implement erosion control measures. It provides that the contracted organization is allowed to disburse to a youth conservation corps no more than \$1 of state funding for every \$2 in matching funds contributed by that youth conservation corps.