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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 Health and Human Services

LD 909 An Act To Stimulate the Maine Economy and Alleviate Child Poverty by Indexing Certain Benefits to Inflation Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

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

This bill provides that, beginning October 1, 2017, if there are available unexpended funds, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services must increase the maximum monthly assistance amount under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index between 2001 and 2017 and must further increase the monthly assistance amount on January 1, 2018, and annually every January 1st thereafter by the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index.

LD 910 An Act To Encourage Living Kidney Donation in Maine Died On Adjournment

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VACHON K VOLK A	OTP-AM	H-420

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a grant program to encourage living kidney donation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-420)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, directs the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with an entity to administer a grant program to encourage living kidney donation. It provides that the department may disburse funds for the program to the entity and may condition disbursement of those funds on the entity's providing a report about the activities and services provided by the program. It provides that, every two years beginning January 1, 2019, the department must report on the activities and services of the program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

LD 932 Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Siting and Building of a Drug Treatment Facility in Northern Maine ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KINNEY M CUSHING A	ONTP	

This resolve establishes the Commission To Study the Siting and Building of a Drug Treatment Facility in Northern Maine.