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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 Health and Human Services*

Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

**LD 1001 An Act To Promote Testing of Drinking Water for Maine Families**

**Died Between  
Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS H	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill waives the fee for testing a private residential water supply for any household with income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-162)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 1017 An Act To Strengthen Work Participation in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SANDERSON D BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This bill removes all the good cause exceptions that prevent a person from being sanctioned under the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or ASPIRE-TANF, program or the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program for failure to participate in the ASPIRE-TANF program, with the exception of domestic violence. Some of the substance of this bill was included in Public Law 2017, chapter 256 (LD 336).

**LD 1031 An Act To Clarify the Opioid Medication Prescribing Limits Laws**

**PUBLIC 213  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRATWICK G BERRY S	OTP-AM	S-242

This bill addresses opioid medication prescribing limits.

Public Law 2015, chapter 488 requires that, beginning July 1, 2017, the aggregate amount of opioid medication prescribed to a patient may not be in excess of 100 morphine milligram equivalents per day and directs the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules establishing reasonable exceptions to those prescriber limits. This bill codifies in statute the exceptions adopted in the department's rules and adds an exception to prescribing limits for medical necessity.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-242)**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment makes the following changes to the laws relating to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program and limits on opioid prescribing.