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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 1075 An Act To Eliminate Drug Use among Welfare Recipients

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WARD K BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This bill requires an applicant for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF, benefits to complete a written screening tool to determine the applicant's likelihood of current substance use. Based on the results of the screening tool or interactions with a TANF applicant or recipient, the Department of Health and Human Services may require the applicant or recipient to submit to a drug test as a condition of receiving benefits if the department has a reasonable suspicion that the applicant or recipient is using an illegal drug or controlled substance. If a recipient or applicant fails a drug test, that person may appeal the results and take a second drug test. If a recipient of TANF benefits or applicant for TANF benefits does not appeal or fails a second drug test, that recipient is denied TANF benefits for 120 days and the applicant is prohibited from reapplying for TANF benefits for 120 days. This mandatory denial provision is repealed October 1, 2019.

LD 1097 An Act To Develop and Distribute Work Training Pamphlets To Educate State Agencies, Private Businesses and Other Organizations about Dementia

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARLOW D LIBBY N		

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to administer an educational program on dementia. The department is required to create a pamphlet to be distributed to state agencies, businesses, nonprofit organizations and others that informs and educates about dementia-related conditions and how to recognize and communicate with persons who have dementia.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 1098 An Act To Ensure Reasonable Accommodations for Children for Whom Medical Marijuana Has Been Recommended

CARRIED OVER

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

This bill allows a medical provider with whom the child has a bona fide relationship to possess and administer marijuana on school grounds.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 1105 An Act To Promote Independent Living for People with Disabilities

ONTP

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