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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 Environment and Natural Resources*

**LD 1194      Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Study and Assess Maine's Regulatory Environment      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE J DION M	ONTP	

This resolve creates the Commission To Study and Assess Maine's Regulatory Environment. The commission is required to submit its report with its recommendations and including suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources by December 6, 2017.

**LD 1235      An Act Concerning Pavement Sealing Products      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAUGHTRY M CHIPMAN B	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill prohibits the sale of coal tar sealant products beginning October 1, 2019, and prohibits the application of coal tar sealant products on driveways or parking areas beginning October 1, 2020. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may grant an exemption from the prohibitions for research or development purposes.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-166)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, extends by one year the implementation dates for the prohibitions in the bill on the sale of coal tar sealant products and the application of coal tar sealant products and makes a minor technical correction to the bill.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 1258      An Act To Modernize the Voluntary Response Action Program Funding Process      PUBLIC 92**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAMPER J	OTP-AM	S-76

This bill simplifies the fee charged for assistance from the Department of Environmental Protection in submitting a voluntary response action plan by basing the fee on 2% of the assessed value of the property.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-76)**

This amendment amends the bill by basing the fee charged for assistance from the Department of Environmental Protection in submitting a voluntary response action plan on 1% of the assessed property value. The amendment also caps the fee at \$15,000 and adds a delayed effective date of January 1, 2018.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 92 simplifies the fee charged for assistance from the Department of Environmental Protection in submitting a voluntary response action plan by basing the fee on 1% of the assessed value of the property, capped at \$15,000. This law takes effect January 1, 2018.