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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***

**LD 1302      An Act To Increase Workforce Participation in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program and Other Assistance Programs      Died Between Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MADIGAN C MILLETT R	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to administer a program to provide financial assistance to families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits or statewide food supplement program benefits for motor vehicle repairs, registration and inspection when the motor vehicle is needed for employment purposes. Under the bill, the program must be supported with federal block grant funding under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-329)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It increases the allowable financial assistance for vehicle repairs to \$2,000 per year for a family receiving benefits under the ASPIRE-TANF program. It removes from the bill financial assistance for motor vehicle repairs and other expenses for recipients of food supplement programs. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Public Law 2017, chapter 284, the biennial budget, includes a pilot Working Cars for Families program for certain TANF recipients.

**LD 1303      An Act To Establish the Vaccine Consumer Protection Program within the Department of Health and Human Services      INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'CONNOR B		

This bill was not referred to committee.

This bill establishes the Vaccine Consumer Protection Program within the Department of Health and Human Services and describes the services provided under the program. This bill also clarifies that a medical exemption from immunization for the purposes of school attendance is to be determined by the child's physician. This bill also removes the Commissioner of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services rule-making authority regarding the statutory immunization provisions and school and municipal authority to have more stringent immunization requirements than state law.

**LD 1314      Resolve, To Improve Access to Neurobehavioral Services      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MALABY R	OTP-AM	H-202

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide by September 1, 2018, 16 new neurobehavioral beds in one or more neurobehavioral centers to serve individuals with significant behavioral challenges and complex medical needs who need short-term evaluation and treatment before transitioning to a long-term care environment either in the community or a long-term care facility.