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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* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128th Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. 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 Energy, Utilities and Technology

adhere to the limitations regarding the inappropriate use, sale or disclosure of or access to customer personal information for the duration of the contract.

It prohibits the ConnectME Authority from providing any grant funding to a provider of broadband Internet access service that engages in the inappropriate use, sale or disclosure of or access to customer personal information. It requires that a provider that receives grant funding from the ConnectME Authority must adhere to the limitations regarding the inappropriate use, sale or disclosure of or access to customer personal information for five years from the date grant funding is received.

Lastly, it directs the Office of the Attorney General to submit a report by January 15, 2019, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and technology matters related to the State's ability to ensure that providers of broadband Internet access service are adhering to net neutrality principles.

LD 1632 An Act To Establish the Manufacturing Jobs Energy Program ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILL J STANLEY S	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

This bill establishes the manufacturing jobs energy program to encourage growth of forest products and wood manufacturing jobs tied to installed megawatt capacity from new renewable energy from combined heat and power, including biomass energy from manufacturing residues. The program is administered by the Public Utilities Commission.

LD 1671 An Act To Create a Grant Program To Assist with Dispatch Center Consolidation PUBLIC 428

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOODSOME D BERRY S	ONTP OTP-AM	S-436 H-801 BERRY S

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature. It was reported out of committee and subsequently died in non-concurrence during the Second Regular Session. In the Second Special Session it was recalled from the Legislative files.

This bill requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge and the prepaid wireless E-9-1-1 surcharge, but limits the surcharges to no more than 45¢ per month per line or number for the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge and 45¢ per retail transaction for the prepaid wireless E-9-1-1 surcharge, which is the same amount as in the current law.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-436)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and replaces the bill. It reduces, starting October 1, 2018, the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge and the statewide prepaid wireless telecommunications service E-9-1-1 surcharge to 40¢. It also requires the Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau to use up to \$1,000,000 from the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge and the statewide prepaid wireless telecommunications service E-9-1-1 surcharge to provide grants to support the consolidation of dispatch centers into existing public safety answering points. It requires the Emergency Services Communication Bureau to adopt routine technical rules to establish the application process and allowable uses for grants.