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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

licensing program in order to meet the necessary federal requirement that a state program be at least equal to applicable federal requirements. It specifies that local food ordinances must relate to direct producer-to-consumer transactions involving food or food products intended for human consumption. It also provides definitions of "direct producer-to-consumer transaction" and "food or food products." It clarifies that the state laws in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7 and Title 22 that regulate direct producer-to-consumer transactions involving food or food products are the state laws whose application such local ordinances may affect. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature relating to the food sovereignty law.

Public Law 2017, chapter 314 was enacted as an emergency measure effective October 31, 2017.

LD 1662

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 307: Fees for Testing Weighing and Measuring Devices, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 307: Fees for Testing Weighing and Measuring Devices, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

After referral to the committee, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, in consultation with the Office of the Maine Attorney General and the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, requested that the sponsor withdraw the resolve because the rulemaking that is the subject of the resolve is routine technical rather than major substantive.

LD 1681 An Act To Correct a Technical Error Pertaining to the Dairy Improvement Fund

PUBLIC 331 EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)

DAVIS P
DUNPHY M

Committee Report

OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

S-356

This bill establishes a base allocation of funds to the Finance Authority of Maine for the operation of the Dairy Improvement Fund in fiscal year 2018-19.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-356)

This amendment adds a base allocation of funds to the Finance Authority of Maine for the operation of the Dairy Improvement Fund in fiscal year 2017-18 to allow for the immediate usage of funds.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 331 provides a base allocation of funds to the Finance Authority of Maine for the operation of the Dairy Improvement Fund for fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19.

Public Law 2017, chapter 331 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 7, 2018.