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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

federal universal service support funds are not subject to the state service provider tax and that federal support for such services is not subject to fees assessed under the state universal service fund, the state telecommunications education access fund and the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-390)

This amendment amends the sales and use tax laws to specify that federal universal service support funds paid directly to the seller are not included in the definition of "sale price." It removes language regarding rulemaking by the Public Utilities Commission, and it clarifies language regarding adjusting the prepaid wireless telecommunications service fee.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-524)

This amendment adds an effective date of January 1, 2019 to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 422 clarifies that telephone services available to income-eligible Maine consumers that are supported by federal universal service support funds are not subject to the state service provider tax, that federal universal service support funds paid directly to the seller are not included in the definition of "sale price," and that federal support for such services is not subject to fees assessed under the state universal service fund, the state telecommunications education access fund and the statewide E-9-1-1 surcharge.

It provides that notwithstanding the prohibitions under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 7104, subsection 3-A and Title 35-A, section 7104-B, subsection 2-A on the Public Utilities Commission's adjusting the prepaid wireless telecommunications service fee more than once every 24 months, the Public Utilities Commission may adjust the prepaid wireless telecommunications service fee if needed to conform to this law.

This law takes effect January 1, 2019.

LD 1785 An Act To Amend the Greater Augusta Utility District Charter

Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

Sponsor(s)
WARREN C
KATZ R

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to make technical changes to the charter of the Greater Augusta Utility District to accommodate the district's growth and change in services and to change its voting membership.

LD 1798 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 101: ConnectME Authority, a Major Substantive Rule of the ConnectME Authority

RESOLVE 44 EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP-AM

H-633

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 101: ConnectME Authority, a major substantive rule of the ConnectME Authority.