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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.

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Resolve 2017, chapter 42 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 5, 2018.

LD 1787 An Act To Provide for the 2018 and 2019 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds

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EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLK A FECTEAU R	OTP-AM	S-375

This bill establishes the allocations of the state ceiling on issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds for calendar years 2018 and 2019 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-375)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2017, chapter 12 establishes the allocations of the state ceiling on issuance of tax-exempt private activity bonds for calendar years 2018 and 2019 among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds.

Private and Special Law 2017, chapter 12 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 23, 2018.

LD 1825 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Board of Dental Practice

PUBLIC 388

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-669

This bill was reported by the committee pursuant to Public Law 2015, chapter 429, section 25 and then referred back to the committee for processing in the normal course. The bill contains the recommendations of the Board of Dental Practice for amending the laws governing the scopes of practice of dental practitioners, dental practice settings, dental services delivery models and other aspects of dental practice. The bill makes the following changes to the Dental Practice Act.

1. It eliminates the charitable dentist and clinical dentist educator license categories.
2. It authorizes a student enrolled in a board-approved dental radiography program to practice under the supervision of the student's instructors without first obtaining a license from the Board of Dental Practice.
3. It eliminates the requirement that dental or denturist student externs register with the Board of Dental Practice.
4. It creates a new denturist trainee registration category for individuals who have completed the educational requirements for licensure as a denturist but who wish to practice under the supervision of a dentist or a denturist prior to obtaining a denturist license.
5. It authorizes independent practice dental hygienists to supervise dental radiographers.
6. It streamlines the scope of practice provisions for expanded function dental assistants and dental hygienists by clarifying that these licensees may perform the activities that a dentist may delegate to a supervised unlicensed individual.

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7. It authorizes dental hygienists and faculty dental hygienists to apply sealants under the general supervision of a dentist without requiring that a dentist first make the determination and diagnosis as to the surfaces on which the sealants should be applied.

8. It makes technical changes and removes antiquated language.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-669)

This amendment authorizes a student enrolled in a dental assisting program to practice under the supervision of the student's instructors without first obtaining a license from the Board of Dental Practice. The amendment also removes an unnecessary definition and clarifies that the crime of unlawful practice applies when a person employs an unlicensed person to provide services for which any type of license is required by the Dental Practice Act.

The bill eliminates the charitable dentist license and clinical dentist educator license categories. The amendment clarifies that a charitable dentist license and a clinical dentist educator license issued by the Board of Dental Practice and in effect on the effective date of this legislation remain in effect until the date of expiration specified in the license.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 388 makes the following changes to the Dental Practice Act.

1. It eliminates the charitable dentist and clinical dentist educator license categories but provides that a charitable dentist license and a clinical dentist educator license issued by the Board of Dental Practice and in effect on the effective date of this legislation remain in effect until the date of expiration specified in the license.
2. It clarifies that the crime of unlawful practice applies when a person employs an unlicensed person to provide services for which any type of license is required by the Dental Practice Act.
3. It authorizes a student enrolled in a dental assisting program or a board-approved dental radiography program to practice under the supervision of the student's instructors without first obtaining a license from the Board of Dental Practice.
4. It eliminates the requirement that dental or denturist student externs register with the Board of Dental Practice.
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