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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL, SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS



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 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128<sup>th</sup> 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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

**LD 1835    An Act To Transfer Funds within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

**PUBLIC 423  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUCHESNE R CYRWAY S	OTP-AM	H-647 S-518    HAMPER J

This bill was carried over from the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill directs the State Controller to transfer \$600,000 by June 30, 2018 from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife carrying account, General Fund account within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the License and Registration General Fund account within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-518)**

This amendment alters the single transfer of \$600,000 by June 30, 2018 in the bill to two transfers of \$300,000, one occurring by June 30, 2018 and one occurring by June 30, 2019, and directs the money to the Warden Service General Fund account within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife instead of to the License and Registration General Fund account.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 423 directs the State Controller to transfer \$300,000 on June 30, 2018 and \$300,000 on June 30, 2019 to the Warden Service General Fund account within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Public Law 2017, chapter 423 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 25, 2018.

**LD 1836    An Act To Exempt from Hunter Safety Courses Certain Veterans and Persons Who Have Completed Firearms Safety Courses**

**Accepted Majority  
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY S BRAKEY E	ONTP OTP	

This bill provides that a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States is exempt from hunter safety course requirements if that veteran provides at the time of application for a Maine license to hunt with firearms that veteran's Armed Forces Report of Transfer or Discharge, DD Form 214, or its predecessor or successor forms, or certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the appropriate branch of the Armed Forces of the United States verifying the applicant's military service and honorable discharge.

It also provides that a person is exempt from hunter safety course requirements if that person provides at the time of application for a Maine license to hunt proof of having successfully completed a firearms safety course other than a program for training individuals in the safe handling of firearms pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 10108, subsection 1.