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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 Health and Human Services

This bill was not referred to committee.

Public Law 2017, chapter 308 increased the legal age for purchase or possession of tobacco products to 21 years of age, except for those persons who attained 18 years of age by July 1, 2018.

This bill reduces the legal age for purchase and possession of tobacco products to 18 years of age. This bill also allows a person who is 17 years of age to sell tobacco products if supervised by a person who is at least 18 years of age.

LD 1909 Resolve, To Fund a New Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System

**Died On
Adjournment**

Sponsor(s)
HAMPER J

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This resolve was carried over from the Second Regular Session to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

This resolve was not referred to committee.

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a needs analysis for its comprehensive child welfare information system, review possible solutions to meet those needs and purchase or develop a new system. It also provides funding for the development of a new comprehensive child welfare information system.

The substance of this resolve was incorporated in Public Law 2017, chapter 471.

LD 1911 An Act To Improve Access to Services for Adults with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness

**Died On
Adjournment**

Sponsor(s)
MALABY R

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill was carried over from the Second Regular Session to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill was not referred to committee.

This bill establishes the right of an adult with serious and persistent mental illness who is denied access to services by a provider contrary to the terms of the provider's contract with the Department of Health and Human Services to seek department review of that action. If department review does not resolve the matter, the consumer may bring a private right of action in District Court for injunctive relief.