

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS

**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILLS AND
SUMMARIES OF ENACTED LAWS**



Disposition of All Bills and Summaries of All Laws Enacted or
Finally Passed During the First Regular and First Special Session
of the 131st Maine Legislature

First Regular Session convened Wednesday, December 7, 2022
First Regular Session adjourned sine die Thursday, March 30, 2023
First Special Session convened Wednesday April 5, 2023
First Special Session adjourned sine die Wednesday, July 26, 2023

	First Regular	First Special
Senate Legislative Days	21	36
House Legislative Days	21	36
Number of Bills	2019	

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OCTOBER 2023

ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 226 An Act to Address Maine's Affordable Housing Crisis

LD 226, which was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table, was reported out of committee with a unanimous Ought to Pass as Amended recommendation (emergency). The committee amendment would have provided \$80 million to support programs administered by the Maine State Housing Authority to support homeownership for single-family homes and for first-time homebuyers and the development of affordable housing in the State. Initial funding for the programs would have come from the General Fund with ongoing funding from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund. LD 258, An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025, which became Public Law 2023, chapter 412, included a provision (see Part TT) providing \$70 million to the Maine State Housing Authority to fund the Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program and the Low-income Housing Tax Credit Program.

LD 279 An Act to Protect Against Discrimination by Public Entities

This bill was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the final disposition of this bill will be determined during the next legislative session.

LD 346 An Act To Clarify the Requirements for Family Caregivers

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to request approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to reimburse parents of minor children who are eligible for home health under services under the MaineCare program for providing those services under the Medicaid home health benefit was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part GGG.

LD 418 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization

Although this resolve was not finally passed, the major substantive rule that it relates to was properly submitted during the statutorily defined legislative rule acceptance period, so, under that governing statute, the agency may finally adopt the rule.