

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 492 An Act to Repurpose Vacant Shopping Mall and Retail Space to Mixed-use Housing and Retail

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 564 An Act to Improve Access to Civil Legal Services

Although this bill was not enacted, one-time funding of \$4,000,000 for distribution by the Civil Legal Services Fund Commission was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, Section A-26, the biennial budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part A.

LD 582 An Act to Enhance Certain Penalties for Possession of Firearms by Prohibited Persons

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 612 An Act to Create a Green Schools Coordinator in the Department of Education

Although this bill was not enacted, funding for contracted services to support school districts in the State seeking to implement energy efficiency, clean energy, clean transportation and other general sustainability programs 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 A.

LD 659 An Act to Promote Seamless and Flexible Home and Community Supports Across the Lifespan for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules to implement a MaineCare home and community-based lifespan program was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. Rules initially adopted are major substantive rules and subsequent rules are routine technical. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part LLLLL.

LD 957 An Act Requiring Water Bottle Filling Stations in New and Renovated Public Schools

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LD 1077 An Act to Fund Consultation Services to Ensure Affordable Health Care for Maine Residents

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill was incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 412, the budget bill enacted in the First Special Session. Public Law 2023, chapter 412 included one-time allocations of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 and fiscal year 2024-2025, respectively, for the Attorney General to contract with a designated nonprofit and independent health insurance consumer assistance entity to continue to operate the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 258, Part A.

LD 1116 An Act to Provide Rural Recovery Residences for Families

Although this bill was not enacted, the substance of the bill 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 LLL.

LD 1159 An Act to Establish a Pilot Project Regarding Harm Reduction Health Centers

Although this bill was not enacted, the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future was directed to convene a working group to evaluate options for, identify barriers to and develop findings and recommendations regarding the prevention of opioid overdose deaths by authorizing harm reduction health centers in the State in Resolve 2023, chapter 120. See Criminal Justice and Public Safety, Enacted Law Summary, LD 1364.

LD 1282 An Act to Streamline Income Verification Requests for Income Supplementation and Assistance Programs

Although this bill was not enacted, a requirement for the Department of Health and Human Services to electronically provide income records and program enrollment information of recipients of the department's income supplementation and assistance programs when requested by entities for the purposes of facilitating administration of LIHEAP, LIAP, subsidized housing programs, energy assistance and other programs 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 VV.