

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**  
131<sup>ST</sup> 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 131<sup>st</sup> 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.*

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 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.