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STATE OF MAINE  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session 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 date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 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*

**LD 33**

**An Act To Adjust the Lifetime Limit for the Receipt of TANF Benefits**

**Accepted Majority  
(ONTP) Report**

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

This bill changes the lifetime limit for receiving benefits through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program from 60 months to 36 months.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-103)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 34**

**An Act To Promote Equity in Business Opportunity for Tobacco Specialty Stores**

**Accepted Majority  
(ONTP) Report**

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

This bill allows certain tobacco specialty stores to be licensed as a cigar lounge, which may serve nonalcoholic and alcoholic beverages. The bill permits cigar lounges to allow the consumption of food that is not prepared on its premises. The bill prohibits cigar lounges from selling cigarettes. The bill requires a tobacco specialty store that is a cigar lounge to provide notice about the dangers of environmental tobacco smoke to applicants for employment and employees. The bill establishes a \$100 fee for a cigar lounge license.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-63)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It replaces the bill. It requires that a cigar lounge be licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services in order to allow smoking, other than cigarette smoking, and to serve food that has not been prepared on the premises. It also allows cigar lounges to seek a liquor license from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations. The amendment provides that the cigar lounge license fee of \$100 is in addition to the required license fee for a retail tobacco license and the type of liquor license sought.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 36**

**An Act To Create a 9-month Time Limit on General Assistance Benefits for Certain Persons**

**ONTP**

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

This bill limits to a maximum of 275 days every five years the general assistance benefits a person who does not have any dependents and who is capable of working may receive.