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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* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session 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 date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 128th 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

This bill provides that a person who has exhausted the 60-month lifetime limit on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program benefits is ineligible to receive municipal general assistance program benefits, except that a person who has been ineligible to receive benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program for five or more years may be considered eligible and a person who is in the process of seeking an extension of benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program may be considered eligible.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-61)

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

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 221

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Municipality of Responsibility for General Assistance Applicants Released from a State Correctional Facility or County Jail Facility

PUBLIC 130

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRATWICK G PIERCE J	OTP ONTP	

This bill repeals a provision of law that provides that when a general assistance applicant applies for benefits within 45 days of being released from a correctional facility, the municipality of financial responsibility for a period of 12 months is the applicant's municipality of residence prior to incarceration.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 130 repeals a provision of law that had provided that when a general assistance applicant applied for benefits within 45 days of being released from a correctional facility the municipality of financial responsibility for a period of 12 months was the applicant's municipality of residence prior to incarceration.

LD 223

An Act To Ensure the Timely Final Disposition of Human Remains

PUBLIC 38

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P	OTP-AM ONTP	S-14

This bill provides that the remains or dead body is considered abandoned if the person who has custody and control does not make a decision regarding disposition within 30 days.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-14)

This amendment removes the provision in the bill regarding when remains or a dead body is considered abandoned and changes the title. It provides that a funeral director or practitioner may bury remains or a dead body if the person who has custody and control of the remains or dead body does not complete decision making regarding final disposition within 30 days of the person taking custody or control.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 38 provides that a funeral director or practitioner may bury remains or a dead body if the person who has custody and control of the remains or dead body does not complete decision making regarding final disposition within 30 days of the person taking custody or control.