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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 Insurance and Financial Services

LD 237 An Act To Establish a State Bank

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D MOONEN M	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill establishes the Maine Street Bank effective July 1, 2019, except that the bank may not make, purchase, guarantee, modify or hold loans until the bank has capital of at least \$20,000,000. It specifies the purposes of the bank, establishes a board of directors and creates an advisory committee. It allows the bank to accept deposits of public funds, to make, purchase, guarantee, modify or hold certain loans and to serve as a custodian bank. It directs the Treasurer of State to deposit money into the bank. Excess income of the bank is deposited in the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.

The bill provides for a quarterly examination of the bank by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Institutions and an audit by the State Auditor every two years.

The bill allows counties and municipalities to establish public banks.

The bill directs the Treasurer of State, the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services and the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine to consult with the Attorney General and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by January 15, 2018 with recommendations to fully implement the bank, including recommendations regarding the merger of the Finance Authority of Maine into the bank. It authorizes the joint standing committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-12)

This amendment is the minority report and replaces the bill. The amendment establishes the Maine Green Bank, specifies its purposes, establishes its board of directors and creates its advisory committee. It allows the Maine Green Bank to accept deposits of public funds, make loans and operate as a bank. It directs the Treasurer of State and instrumentalities to deposit public funds into the Maine Green Bank.

The amendment provides for a quarterly examination of the Maine Green Bank by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Institutions and an annual audit by the State Auditor. The amendment also provides that the Maine Green Bank is exempt from taxation as a state entity.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 239 An Act To Require National Banks To Cooperate in the Administration
of the General Assistance Program**

PUBLIC 28

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRAKEY E	OTP-AM	S-24

This bill removes the exemption provided to national banks from the law requiring financial institutions to provide account balance information to the State or to a municipality for persons who have applied for or are receiving financial assistance from the State or a municipality.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-24)

Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services

This amendment replaces the bill. Like the bill, the amendment removes the exemption provided to national banks from the law requiring financial institutions to provide account balance information to the State or to a municipality for persons who have applied for or are receiving financial assistance from the State or the municipality. The amendment also requires that a signed release form from a depositor be obtained before deposit or balance information can be released by the financial institution and, if the depositor is deceased, a written request from the municipality and a notarized affidavit of death must be provided. The amendment does not grant any authority for the release of any funds by a financial institution.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 28 removes the exemption provided to national banks from the law requiring financial institutions to provide account balance information to the State or to a municipality for persons who have applied for or are receiving financial assistance from the State or the municipality. The law also requires that a signed release form from a depositor be obtained before deposit or balance information can be released by the financial institution and, if the depositor is deceased, a written request from the municipality and a notarized affidavit of death must be provided. The law does not grant any authority for the release of any funds by a financial institution.

LD 284 An Act Concerning Notification after a Security Breach

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

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

This bill shortens the time allowed for a delay in notification to residents of the State of a breach of the security of a system that contains computerized personal information from seven business days to three business days.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-7)

This amendment shortens the time allowed for a delay in notification to residents of the State of a breach of the security of a system that contains computerized personal information from seven business days to seven days.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 308 An Act To Prohibit Charging Maine Seniors Higher Automobile Insurance Premiums Based Solely on Their Age

PUBLIC 11

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND B PARRY W	OTP-AM	S-6

This bill repeals two provisions in current law related to the issuance of motor vehicle insurance and consideration of an insured's age by the insurer and incorporates them into one provision. The bill prohibits an insurer from taking certain actions against an applicant or insured under a motor vehicle insurance policy based solely upon the age of the applicant or insured.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-6)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment clarifies that an insurer may not refuse to issue personal automobile insurance for the sole reason that a person has reached a certain age and clarifies that the prohibitions of certain actions based solely upon age apply to an applicant for coverage as well as to existing insureds.