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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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 292

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Maine's Rail Infrastructure and Expand Passenger Rail Service

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to repair and reconstruct state-owned railroad lines, improve infrastructure on a railway crossing in the Town of Yarmouth and improve the railroad line between the cities of Lewiston and Auburn and the City of Portland.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 302

An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

**PUBLIC 2
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAMPER J GATTINE D	OTP-AM	S-2

This bill does the following.

PART A makes appropriations and allocations.

PART B makes appropriations and allocations to provide funding for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C continues limited-period positions set to expire in June 2017 through August 1, 2017.

PART D transfers \$35,000,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.

PART E authorizes the State Controller to carry any unexpended All Other balances of as of June 30, 2017, in the All Other line category of the \$300,000 one-time General Fund appropriation in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services program for the updating of econometric database information used for revenue projections into the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

PART F removes the requirement that unencumbered balances in a dedicated account within the Office of Chief Medical Examiner in excess of \$500 be transferred to the General Fund.

PART G authorizes the balance remaining in the Fund for Women Veterans account in the Veterans Services program within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to be used for software for veterans services.

PART H allows unexpended balances from funds transferred to the Lifetime License Fund in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by the Treasurer of State to be carried forward into the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.