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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 418 **An Act To Educate the Public on the Proper Use of Pesticides and To Promote Integrated Pest Management Using Existing Resources**

Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R SAVIELLO T		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to require that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control educate the public on the proper use of pesticides and promote integrated pest management using funds that have already been appropriated to the board.

LD 430 **An Act To Amend the Exemption for Highway Contractors and Subcontractors under the Arborist Licensing Laws**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT T CYRWAY S	ONTP	

Currently, highway contractors and subcontractors who remove trees during the performance of contracts for the construction or maintenance of highways are exempt from the laws governing arborists. This bill provides that those contractors and subcontractors must remain on the ground when removing trees to be exempt from those laws.

LD 508 **An Act Regarding Restrictions on the Purchase of Certain Animals**

PUBLIC 131

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P	OTP-AM	S-93

Current law prohibits a person from selling, displaying, raffling, giving away or offering for sale to the public any live fowl, turtles or rabbits under eight weeks of age in lots of less than six. This bill limits that prohibition to the period beginning six weeks before Easter Sunday and ending six weeks after Easter Sunday.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-93)

This amendment removes the changes made to current law by the bill and instead prohibits a person from selling, displaying, raffling, giving away or offering for sale to the public any live fowl, turtles or rabbits under eight weeks of age in lots of less than two.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 131 prohibits a person from selling, displaying, raffling, giving away or offering for sale to the public any live fowl, turtles or rabbits under eight weeks of age in lots of less than two.