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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 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development*

**LD 503**      **An Act To Continue the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ R HYMANSON P	OTP-AM ONTP	S-31

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

This bill proposes to make a one-time General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Finance Authority of Maine for the establishment of an endowment to continue the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12103-A.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-31)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, and provides for a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$16,000,000 to establish an endowment to continue the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12103-A.

The funding requested in this bill was partially provided in Part LLLLLLL of the Biennial Budget, Public Law 2017, chapter 284 (LD 390), which requires the State Controllor to make one payment of \$400,000 by June 30, 2018 and a second payment of \$400,000 by June 30, 2019 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus to the Finance Authority of Maine to be deposited in the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Fund. To offset the funds deposited in the Doctor's For Maine's Future Scholarship Fund, Part LLLLLLL requires that \$320,000 from the Board of Licensure in Medicine's Other Special Revenue Funds account and \$80,000 from the Board of Osteopathic Licensure's Other Special Revenue Funds account be transferred to the General Fund unappropriate surplus by June 30, 2018 and that a second set of identical transfers be made by June 30, 2019.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

**LD 538**      **An Act To Allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Who Have Attained Certain Degrees To Use the Title of Doctor**

**Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERRY A MAKER J	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill permits an advanced practice registered nurse who has attained a doctor of nursing practice degree to use the prefix "Doctor" or "Dr." as long as the suffix "DNP" follows the person's name and an advanced practice registered nurse who has attained a doctor of philosophy in nursing degree to use the prefix "Doctor" or "Dr." as long as the suffix "Ph.D." follows the person's name.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-50)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment retains the language of the bill, which allows an advanced practice register nurse to use the prefix "Doctor" or "Dr.," but moves the language to the existing statute that authorizes other licensed professionals to use the prefixes "Doctor" and "Dr."