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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 519

An Act To Allow the Storage of Tents, Campers, Trailers and Other Devices Used for Camping in Campgrounds in the Unorganized Townships

PUBLIC 236

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY S	OTP-AM	H-375

This bill clarifies that occupancy in the definition of "transient occupancy" for the unorganized territories is determined by the length of time a person is present and allows the storage of unoccupied camping devices such as tents, tent trailers, pickup campers, recreational vehicles and trailers at campgrounds or campsites in reserved camping spaces.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-375)

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment provides that the Maine Land Use Planning Commission may not limit the number of days a person may store an unoccupied camping device at a lawfully existing camping location within a campground permitted by the commission or a campground that lawfully existed at the time of district regulation and does not currently conform to district regulations.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 236 provides that the Maine Land Use Planning Commission may not limit the number of days a person may store an unoccupied camping device at a lawfully existing camping location within a campground permitted by the commission, or a campground that lawfully existed at the time of district regulation and does not currently conform to district regulations.

LD 548

An Act To Amend Laws Relating to Agricultural Pulling Events

PUBLIC 207

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R DILL J	OTP-AM	H-458

This bill adds to the law regarding pulling events the requirement that an animal entered in a pulling event must have either an ear tag or a microchip implant for identification purposes.

The bill also removes references to trainers in regards to pulling events. It requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to impose a two-year suspension from competition for a person found to have used a prohibited substance with respect to an animal at a pulling event. It requires the commissioner to impose a full one-year suspension from competition for the animal found to have a prohibited substance in its system at the time of the pulling event. Currently, the commissioner may impose a suspension of less than two years.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-458)

This amendment:

1. Adds a definition of "driver" to the laws governing agricultural fairs and pulling events and replaces the term "teamster" with "driver" in those laws;
2. Allows a pull superintendent to visually examine an animal in an event and to request a veterinarian to undertake a more thorough examination when appropriate;