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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

7. Directs the bureau to review its bid process for timber harvesting and road construction projects, including any liability concerns related to the bid process. The bureau is directed to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public reserved lands matters with any recommended changes to the bid process by March 15, 2018;

8. Reenacts a provision of law regarding expenditures from the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund in the statute governing revenue from public reserved lands that states that money may not be expended without allocation by the Legislature. The allocations must be approved by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs;

9. Provides that the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public lands matters, referred to as "the jurisdictional committee," must review all allocations or subdivisions of allocations from the fund;

10. Provides that before January 15th of each odd-numbered year, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry must submit to the jurisdictional committee a detailed proposed budget for expenditures from the fund for the budgetary biennium. Before January 15th of each even-numbered year, the commissioner must submit to the jurisdictional committee a detailed budget for any proposed modifications to the legislative allocations of the fund during the remainder of the budgetary biennium; and

11. Provides that, after receiving a budget submission, the jurisdictional committee must review the proposed budget or budget modification and must determine the appropriate allocations or modifications of existing allocations of the fund. The jurisdictional committee must submit its recommended allocations or modifications to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs, which must include those recommended allocations or modifications of allocations in an appropriate biennial budget or supplemental budget bill.

Public Law 2017, chapter 289 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 20, 2017.

### **LD 594      An Act To Modify the Definition of "General Use Pesticide"**

**PUBLIC 59**

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

This bill amends the definition of "general use pesticide" in the laws governing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control by removing reference to pesticides registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and adding reference to pesticides registered by the board.

#### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 59 amends the definition of "general use pesticide" in the laws governing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control by removing reference to pesticides registered by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and adding reference to pesticides registered by the board.