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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 Marine Resources*

This bill establishes a fee of \$100 for a shellfish sanitation certificate and a fee of \$50 for each additional activity that is authorized for the holder of a shellfish sanitation certificate. The fees collected are deposited into the Shellfish Fund.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-334)**

This amendment replaces the bill. The bill establishes a fee of \$50 for a shellfish sanitation certificate and establishes additional permits for authorized activities under a shellfish sanitation certificate. The permits established are a recirculating wet storage permit, a flow-through wet storage permit, a bulk tagging permit and a shellfish buying station permit. A recirculating wet storage permit is \$200, unless the holder provides weekly test results showing compliance with federal sanitation standards, in which case the fee is \$100; a flow-through wet storage permit is \$100; a bulk tagging permit is \$50; and a shellfish buying station permit is \$100. The amendment increases the fee for a retail seafood license from \$28 to \$100. The amendment establishes a fee of \$200 for a depuration certificate. Like the bill, the amendment requires the fees collected to be deposited in the Shellfish Fund. The amendment provides specified dates on which the Department of Marine Resources may begin assessing fees established in the amendment.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 224 establishes a fee of \$50 for a shellfish sanitation certificate and establishes additional permits for authorized activities under a shellfish sanitation certificate. The permits established are a recirculating wet storage permit, a flow-through wet storage permit, a bulk tagging permit and a shellfish buying station permit. A recirculating wet storage permit is \$200, unless the holder provides weekly test results showing compliance with federal sanitation standards, in which case the fee is \$100; a flow-through wet storage permit is \$100; a bulk tagging permit is \$50; and a shellfish buying station permit is \$100. Public Law 2017, chapter 224 increases the fee for a retail seafood license from \$28 to \$100. Public Law 2017, chapter 224 establishes a fee of \$200 for a depuration certificate. Public Law 2017, chapter 224 requires the fees collected to be deposited in the Shellfish Fund. Public Law 2017, chapter 224 provides specified dates on which the Department of Marine Resources may begin assessing fees established in the amendment.

**LD 703**

### **An Act To Address Marine Debris Resulting from Commercial Activities**

**CARRIED OVER**

Sponsor(s)

DEVIN M  
VITELLI E

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

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

This bill proposes to address the problem of marine debris resulting from commercial activities such as commercial fishing and aquaculture. The bill proposes to use current knowledge, information and data generated by previous meetings and conferences and scientific publications along with accepted fishing and aquaculture practices to advance an approach to address marine debris while recognizing that healthy commercial fishing and aquaculture industries are paramount for the economic health of this State.

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