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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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used to promote and improve the intermodal transportation system in the State, including but not limited to rail and bus transportation, bicycle lanes and pedestrian sidewalks.

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

LD 832

**An Act To Carry Out the Will of the People of the State of Maine by
Ensuring the Issuance of Bonds To Support the Independence of
Maine's Seniors**

Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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In November 2015, the voters approved Public Law 2015, chapter 337, a bond authorization to provide for the issuance of bonds to provide funding for the construction of new energy-efficient affordable homes and the adaptive reuse of structures or homes for low-income households headed by a person 55 years of age or older.

This bill makes the following changes to that law in order to ensure the issuance of the approved bonds:

1. It removes the requirement that the Treasurer of State operate at the direction of the Governor in issuing and selling the bonds;
2. It exempts the bonds from the requirements in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 145 and 145-B regarding the need for the signature of the Governor and the attestation of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services on bonds issued and sold by the Treasurer of State;
3. It places a number of safeguards on the sale of the bonds, including allowing the Treasurer of State to not sell the bonds if debt service would exceed the amount budgeted or the issuance of the bonds would have an adverse impact on the State's credit rating; and
4. It requires the Treasurer of State to transfer the proceeds of the sale of the bonds directly to the Maine State Housing Authority, without the requirement of a warrant drawn by the State Controller.

The bill also requires the director of the Maine State Housing Authority to report annually to the Legislature regarding certain aspects of the bond proceeds and the projects using bond proceeds.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-33)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The bill lists five conditions under which the Treasurer of State is not required to expedite the issuance of the bonds to provide funding for the construction of new energy-efficient affordable homes and the adaptive reuse of structures of homes for low-income households headed by a person 55 years of age or older. Two of those conditions are the receipt of notification that the project is not proceeding and the receipt of notification that alternative funding is available. This amendment specifies that the notification of either of these conditions must be from the Maine State Housing Authority.

House Amendment "A" (H-186)

This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill.