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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 Veterans and Legal Affairs

LD 852 An Act To Make Changes to the Maine Liquor Liability Act

PUBLIC 77

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MONAGHAN K	OTP-AM	H-80

This bill amends the Maine Liquor Liability Act to provide that the inability of a plaintiff to obtain investigative records from a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency constitutes good cause as to why the plaintiff could not reasonably file notice to all defendants within the 180-day limit.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-80)

This amendment clarifies that "good cause" is not limited to the inability of the plaintiff to obtain investigative records from a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 77 amends the Maine Liquor Liability Act to provide that the inability of a plaintiff to obtain investigative records from a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency constitutes good cause as to why the plaintiff could not reasonably file notice to all defendants within the 180-day limit. It specifically states that "good cause" is not limited to the inability of the plaintiff to obtain investigative records from a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency.

LD 853 An Act To Allow Beano at Campgrounds

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L COLLINS R	ONTP	

This bill provides an exception to the law that requires a license to conduct games of beano. The bill states that certain campgrounds are not required to get a license to operate beano games if the games are offered to campground patrons and their guests only and the value of a prize awarded for winning a game does not exceed \$25.

LD 879 An Act To Allow Any Person To Purchase Voter Registration Lists

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CASAS O	ONTP	

This bill allows any person to purchase voter registration information. Current law allows only candidates, office holders, political action committees and other similarly situated persons to purchase such information.

**LD 883 An Act To Establish a Minimum Payment for Signatures Gathered by
Maine Citizens for Referendums**

ONTP

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

Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

This bill provides that if a person is paid to circulate a petition for a direct initiative or a people's veto referendum and solicit signatures, that person must be paid at least \$25 per signature.

LD 906 An Act Regarding the Collection of Signatures for a Direct Initiative ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIMBERLAKE J KATZ R	ONTP	

This bill requires a person circulating a petition for a direct initiative of legislation to give a voter that voter's own printed paper copy of the full text of the direct initiative and the fiscal impact statement and provide the voter the opportunity to read the full text of the direct initiative prior to that voter signing the petition. Current law also requires a person circulating a petition for a direct initiative of legislation to provide the voter the opportunity to read the proposed direct initiative summary and fiscal impact statement.

**LD 937 An Act To Require the Fiscal Impact of a Direct Initiative of Legislation
To Be Included on the Ballot ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE K	ONTP	

This bill provides that a ballot for a statewide vote on a direct initiative must include the fiscal impact estimate prepared by the Office of Fiscal and Program Review for that direct initiative.

**LD 948 Resolve, To Direct the Adjutant General To Procure Medals for Maine
National Guard Members Mobilized for the 1958-1961 Berlin Crisis ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAILEY D CUSHING A	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Adjutant General to procure an adequate number of National Emergency Service Medals for Maine National Guard members' service during the 1958-1961 Berlin crisis and award the medals in a ceremony to former members entitled to the medal and, if a former member entitled to receive the medal is deceased, award a medal to that member posthumously and present the medal to the next of kin or another family member. The medals, while authorized in 1962, were never awarded.

**LD 950 Resolve, To Study Using Blockchain Technology in Conjunction with
Paper Ballots in Maine Elections ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This resolve establishes the Commission to Study Using Blockchain Technology in Conjunction with Paper Ballots in Maine Elections.