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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

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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 Taxation*

This amendment was not adopted.

### **LD 936      An Act To Modernize and Simplify the Tax Code**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARVELL L DION M	ONTP	

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

This bill proposes to modernize and simplify the tax code.

### **LD 945      An Act To Reduce the Burden of Tobacco-related Illness by Increasing Revenue from the Cigarette Tax for Use for Tobacco Cessation**

**Died On  
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREIGHT J CHENETTE J	OTP-AM ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill increases the cigarette tax from \$2.00 to \$3.50 per pack of 20 cigarettes, beginning November 1, 2017. This bill also provides increased funding in the amount of \$8,100,000 per year in ongoing funding to the Maine Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for tobacco use prevention and cessation in order to align with United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations. Finally, this bill provides \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$750,000 thereafter for MaineCare members for tobacco cessation medications and counseling.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-560)**

This amendment phases in the increase in the cigarette tax by 15 mills per year until it reaches 175 mills on November 1, 2021 and provides that the revenue from the additional tax be deposited in a special account to be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention for tobacco use prevention and cessation. This amendment also adjusts the appropriations and allocations to reflect the phasing in of the tax increase as proposed in the amendment.

This amendment was not adopted.

#### **Committee Amendment "B" (H-561)**

This amendment changes the amount of the increase in the tax on cigarettes from \$1.50 per pack of 20 cigarettes to \$1.00 per pack. This amendment also adjusts the appropriations and allocations in the bill to reflect the change in the tax proposed in the amendment.

This amendment was not adopted.