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128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 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*

This bill authorizes nonprofit, licensed animal shelters to apply for authorization to take possession of abandoned or cruelly treated animals or to cause these animals to be disposed of humanely.

**LD 993**      **An Act To Protect Pollinators from Neonicotinoid Pesticides**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEVIN M	ONTP	

This bill requires that any seed, plant material, nursery stock, annual plant, bedding plant or other plant sold at retail in the State that has been treated with a neonicotinoid pesticide bear a label, or be placed in close proximity to a sign, that notifies the consumer that the product has been treated with a neonicotinoid pesticide and that such pesticides have been found to harm nontarget organisms, including bees and other pollinators. The bill also implements a prohibition, effective January 1, 2018, on the retail sale of neonicotinoid pesticides by persons that do not also sell a restricted use pesticide and implements a prohibition, also effective January 1, 2018, on the use of a neonicotinoid pesticide, with exceptions for certified applicators, farmers and licensed veterinarians.

**LD 1028**      **An Act To Improve Soil Quality and Profits for Maine Farms**      **ONTP**

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

This bill directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish a program to certify agricultural land and farms containing certified agricultural land as regenerative. The bill establishes standards for certification and testing by the department. After certification, a program seal issued by the department may be used to market and sell agricultural products produced on the certified land.

**LD 1049**      **Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey Certain Lands to Roosevelt Conference Center Doing Business as Eagle Lake Sporting Camps**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUCHESNE R	ONTP	

This resolve requires the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convey to Roosevelt Conference Center, doing business as Eagle Lake Sporting Camps, a 12.86-acre parcel of land in Township 16, Range 6. The resolve requires the director to sell the land at fair market value and to retain or withhold any rights to subdivide. The director is also required by the resolve to convey to Eagle Lake Sporting Camps a right-of-way along the service road to the Square Lake Road for appraised fair market value. The resolve also stipulates that the State must retain a right of first refusal to reacquire the parcel and right-of-way from the owner if the use of the parcel for a year-round sporting camp or Class A restaurant and lodge is discontinued or appropriate licenses are not maintained.

An amendment to this resolve was incorporated into LD 1126, An Act Relating to the Use and Leasing of Public Reserved Lands, which became Public Law 2017, chapter 262.