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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL, SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS



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* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. 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*

**LD 1127**

**An Act To Provide Occupants of Motor Vehicles with Gold Star Family Registration Plates Free Entry to State Parks**

**Died On  
Adjournment**

Sponsor(s)

SHEATS B  
CARSON B

Committee Report

OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

H-376

This bill was reported out of committee in the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table. This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, from the Second Regular Session to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill provides for free entry to state parks for those persons who have gold star family registration plates on their motor vehicles, and their passengers.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-376)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**LD 1574      Resolve, To Require Greater Clearing of Vegetation along Portions of  
Route 161 in the Town of Allagash**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)

JACKSON T  
MARTIN J

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This resolve was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

This resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands to contract with third parties to cut back vegetation 20 feet from the edges of portions of Route 161 in the Town of Allagash.

**LD 1584      An Act To Expand the Local Foods Economy by Promoting Local Foods  
Procurement**

**PUBLIC 437**

Sponsor(s)

VITELLI E  
HICKMAN C

Committee Report

OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

S-391

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature. This bill was reported out of committee in the Second Regular Session and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

This bill requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish a good local foods procurement program to encourage the purchase and sale of foods that are produced and harvested in this State and that are healthy, safe, wholesome, nutritious, affordable, accessible and sustainably produced.

The program, administered by the commissioner, must help farmers and fishermen in this State by increasing demand for and direct purchasing of their products by individuals and institutions with a goal of increasing the sale