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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

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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 Judiciary*

considered in the design of the York County Judicial Center.

**LD 1267**

**An Act To Protect Licensing Information of Medical Professionals**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ R TUELL W		

This bill provides that information concerning the application for and granting of licenses issued by the State Board of Nursing, the Board of Osteopathic Licensure and the Board of Licensure in Medicine is confidential, except that each board is required to allow inspection of certain information. See also LD 1541.

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

**LD 1275**

**An Act To Amend and Remove the Need for Periodic Update of the Laws Governing the Validation of Title Defects**

**PUBLIC 196**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARDONE B	OTP	

This bill amends the laws governing the validation of title defects to specify under what circumstances various defects in deeds and other instruments and subdivision plats do not affect title to real property. The bill removes the need for periodic updating of these laws by specifying the applicable lookback period.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 196 amends the laws governing the validation of title defects to specify under what circumstances various defects in deeds and other instruments and subdivision plats do not affect title to real property. Chapter 196 removes the need for periodic updating of these laws by specifying the applicable lookback period.

**LD 1281**

**An Act Regarding the Compensation of Assistant Attorneys General and District Attorneys and the Approval of Financial Orders by the Attorney General and Secretary of State**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HILL D MOONEN M	ONTP	

This bill eliminates the requirement that compensation set by the Attorney General for assistant attorneys general, staff attorneys, the secretary to the Attorney General, District Attorneys and deputy and assistant district attorneys be approved by the Governor. It also allows the Attorney General and the Secretary of State to approve financial orders for transfers and revisions of and increases to allotments within the budgets of their respective departments.