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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.

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LD 1353 An Act To Establish the Maine Domestic Trade Center

ONTP

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

This bill establishes the Maine Domestic Trade Center, a private nonprofit corporation with a public purpose. The center is charged with helping Maine businesses, particularly small businesses, to innovate, grow and create new jobs by providing and enhancing services to facilitate the export of goods and services from Maine to other states. The center will have a board of directors and the International Trade Director at the Department of Economic and Community Development shall serve as the president of the center. The center will share staffing support and facilities with the International Trade Center, but may hire its own staff and secure its own facilities upon approval of the board of directors.

LD 1358 An Act To Improve Public Sector Labor Relations

Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T SYLVESTER M	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill amends the labor relations laws governing municipal public employees and University of Maine System employees to provide that determinations by arbitrators with respect to controversies over all subjects, including salaries, pensions and insurance, are final and binding on the parties. It also amends the labor relations laws governing state employees, and the labor relations laws governing judicial employees, to provide that, with respect to controversies over salaries, an arbitrator's determinations are final and binding on the parties.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-232)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1359 An Act To Adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

PUBLIC 253

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRATWICK G TUCKER R	OTP-AM	S-208

This bill enacts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. The compact provides a mechanism by which a physician licensed in one member state may voluntarily apply for and receive an expedited license in another member state.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-208)

This amendment grants the Board of Osteopathic Licensure and the Board of Licensure in Medicine the authority to request state and national criminal history information, including fingerprint-based criminal history information, for physicians who request expedited licensure under the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. The State may not participate in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact unless the boards have the authority to obtain and review

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this information. The results of background checks received by the Board of Osteopathic Licensure or the Board of Licensure in Medicine are for official use only and may not be disseminated outside the boards. An applicant whose license has expired and who has not applied for renewal may request in writing that the State Bureau of Identification remove the applicant's fingerprints from the bureau's fingerprint file. The amendment also makes a technical change to the bill regarding the process for an appeal on the determination of eligibility.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 253 enacts the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. The compact provides a mechanism by which a physician licensed in one member state may voluntarily apply for and receive an expedited license in another member state. Physicians who choose to request an expedited license through the compact must submit to fingerprint-based state and national criminal history background checks.

LD 1360 An Act To Conform the State Workforce Board and Workforce Development Programs to the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

PUBLIC 110

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLK A FECTEAU R	OTP	

This bill replaces all references to the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 with the federal reauthorization of that act, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and changes the name of the State Workforce Investment Board to the State Workforce Board. The bill updates the duties and responsibilities of the State Workforce Board to conform to those articulated in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. It replaces the current workforce development reporting requirements to the Legislature with a reporting requirement that mirrors the information reported to the Federal Government under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. It replaces the requirement that the Industry Partnership Assistance Collaborative annually create a list of statewide and regional high-priority occupations critical to the success of the targeted industry clusters with a requirement that the Center for Workforce Research and Information publish a list of high-wage priority occupations, by the same process currently used for the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 110 replaces all references to the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 with the federal reauthorization of that act, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and changes the name of the State Workforce Investment Board to the State Workforce Board. The law updates the duties and responsibilities of the State Workforce Board to conform to those articulated in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. It replaces the current workforce development reporting requirements to the Legislature with a reporting requirement that mirrors the information reported to the Federal Government under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. It replaces the requirement that the Industry Partnership Assistance Collaborative annually create a list of statewide and regional high-priority occupations critical to the success of the targeted industry clusters with a requirement that the Center for Workforce Research and Information publish a list of high-wage priority occupations, by the same process currently used for the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program.

LD 1362 An Act To Update the Operations of the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services and To Conform to the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014

PUBLIC 111

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLK A FECTEAU R	OTP	