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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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development*

**LD 1393**      **Resolve, Establishing the Commission To Create a Statewide Economic Development Plan**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TEPLER D LIBBY N	ONTP	

This resolve establishes the Commission To Develop a Statewide Economic Development Plan, tasked with creating a strategic, regionally focused economic development plan for the State.

**LD 1402**      **An Act Regarding Payroll Deductions**      **ONTP**

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

This bill authorizes public employees to authorize payroll deductions for the cost of insurance or an employee benefit offered by the employee's bargaining agent or for a contribution to a political action committee. The bill requires public employers to deduct funds from a public employee's pay as authorized by the employee and transmit those funds to the specified recipient.

**LD 1409**      **An Act To Reduce Regulations for Small Nonalcoholic Beverage Producers**      **PUBLIC 113  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN B	OTP-AM	S-110

This bill allows small nonalcoholic beverage producers that manufacture or bottle no more than 50,000 gallons of beverages a year to clean and sanitize reusable beverage containers by washing by hand and bottle and carbonate the containers by hand as long as all other statutory cleaning and sanitizing requirements for beverage manufacturing and bottling plants are met.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-110)**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill. Unlike the bill, which applies to producers that manufacture or bottle no more than 50,000 gallons of beverages annually, the amendment gives small nonalcoholic beverage producers that manufacture or bottle no more than 10,000 gallons of beverages annually flexibility in the method by which they clean and sanitize reusable glass beverage containers, as long as they use the required 3% caustic alkali sanitizing solution. The amendment also permits small nonalcoholic beverage producers to bottle and carbonate their products by hand, rather than through the use of machinery, as long as all other statutory sanitary requirements for beverage manufacturing and bottling plants are met.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 113 gives small nonalcoholic beverage producers that manufacture or bottle no more than 10,000 gallons of beverages annually flexibility in the method by which they clean and sanitize reusable glass beverage containers, as long as they use the required 3% caustic alkali sanitizing solution. Public Law 2017, chapter 113 also permits small nonalcoholic beverage producers to bottle and carbonate their products by hand, rather than through the use of machinery, as long as all other statutory sanitary requirements for beverage manufacturing and bottling plants are met.