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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.

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.

Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Public Law 2017, chapter 113 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 1, 2017.

LD 1410 An Act To Adopt the Nurse Licensure Compact

PUBLIC 258

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLK A FECTEAU R	OTP-AM	S-215

This bill adopts the model act for the multistate nurse licensure compact endorsed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and adds a federal fingerprint background check for new licensees as required by the compact.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-215)

This amendment makes technical changes to the bill to authorize the State Board of Nursing to obtain national and state fingerprint-based criminal history record information for all applicants for initial licensure and licensure by endorsement by the board, including applicants for multistate licensure. The amendment replaces the appropriations and allocations section of the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 258 adopts the model act for the multistate nurse licensure compact endorsed by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and, as required by the compact, authorizes the State Board of Nursing to obtain national and state fingerprint-based criminal history record information for all applicants for initial licensure and licensure by endorsement, including applicants for multistate licensure.

LD 1420 An Act Regarding Work Permits for Minors under 16 Years of Age

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STETKIS J CYRWAY S	ONTP	

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the laws governing the employment of minors and to conform the State's laws to federal law, thus expanding work opportunities for minors.

1. It clarifies that minors who are younger than 14 years of age may be employed only in the planting, cultivating or harvesting of field crops, or other agricultural employment that does not place them in direct contact with hazardous machinery or hazardous substances.
2. It conforms to federal law the hours that minors who are 16 and 17 years of age may work, by extending the permissible time until which such a minor may work on a day preceding a school day.
3. It eliminates the prohibition on minors under 16 years of age working more than six consecutive days.
4. It eliminates the prohibition on minors under 18 years of age working more than 50 hours per week when school is not in session.
5. It specifies that the restrictions on the hours of employment of minors does not apply to:
 - A. Agricultural employment that does not require direct contact with hazardous machinery or hazardous