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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 Veterans and Legal Affairs

of Maliseet Indians is not subject to any fees. The amendment provides that the casino operated by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians is subject to the fees applied to casinos that were initially licensed before 2012 under current law except that the initial license fee is \$100,000 and the annual renewal fee is \$35,000. The amendment also makes a change to the distribution of table game revenue, which under the bill provides 2% of net revenue to all off-track betting facilities and to nonprofit organizations that conduct licensed charitable gaming. The amendment changes this distribution so that 1% of table game revenue supplements harness racing purses and 1% goes to veterans' organizations that have been continuously operating licensed charitable gaming for at least two years as of January 1, 2017.

LD 1449 An Act To Support Maine Military Charities

PUBLIC 114

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE K MASON G	OTP-AM	H-264

This bill authorizes the Military Bureau to provide space in military facilities to nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to members or families of members of the Maine National Guard. Under the bill, space provided to a nonprofit organization by the Military Bureau may be used only to provide assistance to members or families of members of the Maine National Guard.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-264)

This amendment replaces the bill. It establishes a definition of state military welfare society and authorizes the Adjutant General to provide logistical and administrative support to state military welfare societies and similar societies established under federal law. The amendment also provides that the Adjutant General may authorize state military welfare societies to distribute financial assistance to state military forces and their families from the Maine Military Family Relief Fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 114 establishes a definition of state military welfare society and authorizes the Adjutant General to provide logistical and administrative support to state military welfare societies and similar societies established under federal law. It also provides that the Adjutant General may authorize state military welfare societies to distribute financial assistance to state military forces and their families from the Maine Military Family Relief Fund.

LD 1480 An Act To Improve the Disclosure of Major Contributors Influencing Maine Elections

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

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

This bill amends the law governing campaign financing and reporting by:

1. Setting more specific criteria for the reporting of contributions by an organization that has received funds for multiple purposes and has formed a political action committee; and
2. Requiring an organization that has contributed more than \$100,000 to a political action committee, party committee or ballot question committee in this State to file a one-time report with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices disclosing information about the organization, its top five sources of funding and a