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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***

Maine Rural Development Authority to provide technical assistance, planning grants and implementation grants for the redevelopment and marketing of nonproductive industrial or manufacturing sites in rural communities. The authority may use funds from the Commercial Facilities Development Program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13120-P to fund the activities of the Rural Manufacturing and Industrial Site Redevelopment Program.

The amendment also requires the authority, in consultation with the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Business Development, to conduct an inventory of all nonproductive manufacturing and industrial sites in the State that may be eligible for assistance.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 174 establishes the Rural Manufacturing and Industrial Site Redevelopment Program within the Maine Rural Development Authority to provide technical assistance, planning grants and implementation grants for the redevelopment and marketing of nonproductive industrial or manufacturing sites in rural communities. The authority may use funds from the Commercial Facilities Development Program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13120-P to fund the activities of the Rural Manufacturing and Industrial Site Redevelopment Program.

Public Law 2017, chapter 174 also requires the authority, in consultation with the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Business Development, to conduct an inventory of all nonproductive manufacturing and industrial sites in the State that may be eligible for assistance.

Public Law 2017, chapter 174 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2017.

**LD 1500**

### **An Act To Modernize Data Collection and Reporting and Information Access for the Department of Labor**

**Died Between Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLK A VACHON K	ONTP OTP	

This bill conforms the laws identifying the responsibilities of the Commissioner of Labor relating to the collection and use of data with the Department of Labor's current practices of collecting and publishing data and allows for this information as well as information on labor laws to be made available in various formats, including in electronic formats. The bill adds the Director of the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation to the list of employees who are appointed by the Commissioner of Labor and who serve at the commissioner's pleasure. The bill repeals sections of law regarding the availability of information to trainees. The bill also repeals the Nontraditional Occupation Act.

**LD 1501**

### **An Act To Increase Success and Promote Growth among Maine Small Businesses**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VITELLI E PIERCE J	ONTP	

This bill makes the following changes to the laws governing the Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund.

1. It changes the name of the Maine Microenterprise Initiative Fund to the Maine Small Business Initiative Fund.