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128th Legislature First Regular Session



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
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES
DIED IN CONCURRENCE defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCYenacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGEemergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENTlegislation 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 WITHDRAWsponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODYruled 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
PUBLIC XXX
RESOLVE XXX
VETO SUSTAINEDLegislature 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 Select Committee on Marijuana Legalization Implementation

under 21 years of age;

- 5. Establish a special marijuana tax at the rate of 10% on the retail sale of marijuana by marijuana dispensaries. This tax is in addition to the sales tax currently imposed on medical marijuana and is only imposed until the retail sale of marijuana by other establishments is authorized by the bureau;
- 6. Modify the record-keeping, audit and other compliance requirements of a person licensed as a retail marijuana establishment or retail marijuana social club;
- 7. Authorize a nonprofit medical marijuana dispensary to reorganize as a for-profit entity; and
- 8. Increase the sales tax on retail marijuana and marijuana products from 10% to 20%.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular sesssion of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 1596 An Act To Establish the Cannabis Advisory Commission

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
JORGENSEN E		
DESCHAMBAULT S		

This bill establishes the Cannabis Advisory Commission for the purpose of conducting a continuing study of the laws related to cannabis.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular sesssion of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 1641 An Act To Amend the Marijuana Legalization Act Regarding Retail Marijuana Testing Facilities

PUBLIC 309 EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)	<u>Committee Report</u>	Amendments Adopted
		S-326 HAMPER J

This bill was reported out by the Joint Select Committee on Marijuana Legalization Implementation pursuant to a joint order.

This bill amends the Marijuana Legalization Act with respect to the requirements for retail marijuana testing facilities and the testing of marijuana and marijuana products as follows.

- 1. It clarifies requirements for the testing of marijuana and marijuana products, including the mandatory testing of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products for homogeneity and cannabinoid profiles.
- 2. It clarifies licensing and operational requirements for retail marijuana testing facilities, including requirements that such facilities:
 - A. Be certified by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, be accredited pursuant to standard ISO/IEC 17025 of the International Organization for Standardization by a third-party accrediting body, or be certified, registered or accredited by an organization approved by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, and be licensed or approved by the municipality in which the facility is physically located. It authorizes issuance of a provisional retail marijuana testing facility license to a testing facility that has applied for but not yet obtained certification, registration or