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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL, SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS



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* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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**LD 1917 An Act To Employ Veterans in Health Care To Meet Workforce Needs and Provide Funding to the Community College System To Support the Training of Nursing Students**

**PUBLIC 476**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOLDEN J		S-544 VOLK A

This bill was not referred to committee.

The bill, the text of which is identical to LD 1857, implements a recommendation of the Commission To Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification regarding licensure of military medics and corpsmen as licensed practical nurses. The bill allows a person who served on active duty in the medical corps of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, was completed the basic course of instruction in nursing required by the branch of the Armed Forces of the United States in which the applicant served and was honorably discharged is eligible to take the examination for licensure as a licensed practical nurse.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-544)**

The amendment implements a recommendation of the Task Force on Maine's 21st Century Economy and Workforce by providing \$650,000 in ongoing funding to support the hiring of additional nursing faculty and the acquisition of equipment and instructional space to expand nursing classes at Southern Maine Community College, Central Maine Community College and Eastern Maine Community College as well as \$200,000 in one-time funding to support the acquisition of a nursing simulator at Northern Maine Community College.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 476 permits a person who served on active duty in the medical corps of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, completed the basic course of instruction in nursing required by the branch of the Armed Forces of the United States in which the applicant served and was honorably discharged to obtain licensure as a licensed practical nurse without completing an additional board-approved nursing education program as long as the person passes the applicable licensing examination.

Public Law 2017, chapter 476 also provides \$650,000 in ongoing funding to support the hiring of additional nursing faculty and the acquisition of equipment and instructional space to expand nursing classes at Southern Maine Community College, Central Maine Community College and Eastern Maine Community College as well as \$200,000 in one-time funding to support the acquisition of a nursing simulator at Northern Maine Community College.

**LD 1927 An Act To Restore the Integrity of the Unemployment Compensation System**

**Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRAKEY E		

This bill was not referred out to committee.

The bill reverses the changes to the eligibility requirements for unemployment benefits made by Public Law 2017, chapter 453, "An Act To Give Flexibility to Employees and Employers for Temporary Layoffs." It repeals a requirement that the Department of Labor examine the effect of Public Law 2017, chapter 453 on the State's account

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in the federal Unemployment Trust Fund and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters. It also deallocates one-time funds that were allocated pursuant to Public Law 2017, chapter 453.