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Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILLS AND
SUMMARIES OF ENACTED LAWS**

This *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* provides the disposition of all LDs and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular and First Special Sessions of the 131st Maine Legislature. Please note that all LDs and proposed amendments may be found through the Legislature’s webpage, and each includes a summary of what the bill or amendment proposed.

The *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* is arranged alphabetically by committee. Within each committee section is a subject index of all LDs considered by that committee as well as a digest of the LDs, arranged by LD number. Also included are enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed. Brief analyst notes on certain LDs are also included: a committee digest will indicate if additional notes are provided for an LD. These notes add information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this *Digest*; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance. A separate section of the *Digest* provides a digest of the relatively few LDs that were not referred to a committee or reported from a committee as a committee bill; enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed are provided. Finally, an appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

The final disposition of each LD is noted in the relevant summary digest and index. 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 and First Special Sessions of the 131st Legislature is Thursday, June 29, 2023 and Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 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 17 An Act to Amend the Membership Requirements of the State Claims Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 54 allows a real estate appraiser whose license has lapsed to be appointed to the State Claims Commission as long as the real estate appraiser was licensed as a certified real estate appraiser within the 5 years prior to the date of appointment.

LD 21 Resolve, Designating Maine Turnpike Approach Road in South Portland as Samantha Smith Way

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 5 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Maine Turnpike Approach Road from Route 1 in the City of South Portland to the Maine Turnpike in the City of South Portland as Samantha Smith Way.

LD 30 An Act to Increase the Statutory Fee for Defensive Driving Courses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 58 increases from \$35 to \$65 the registration fee for defensive driving courses conducted under the auspices of the Department of Public Safety.

LD 31 An Act to Allow the Commissioner of Transportation to Reduce Speed Limits at Construction Sites with Input from Municipalities and Utilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 19 allows the Commissioner of Transportation to implement the guidance of a municipality or utility engaging in a construction project on a public way to temporarily reduce the posted speed limit where the municipal or utility construction project is located when construction workers are present. It directs the commissioner to adopt routine technical rules, including rules setting forth the criteria that must be met before the commissioner may reduce a posted speed limit.