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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE,  
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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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1. It provides the Superintendent of Financial Institutions with the authority to reduce assessments by rule or order. Current law only allows the Bureau of Financial Institutions to raise assessments.
2. It clarifies that the superintendent may suspend or postpone action on an application submitted to the bureau in the event that the bureau has no present capacity to supervise the applicant based on a lack of personnel or tools to adequately supervise certain emerging business models in a manner that protects the public and ensures the safety and soundness of the institution.
3. It amends the processes for liquidations of financial institutions to provide that, like standard mergers, fiduciary accounts are automatically transferred to the surviving institution in the event of a merger conducted as part of a liquidation, thus removing the need for such accounts to be transferred by court processes or obtaining consent of account beneficiaries.
4. It clarifies that an uninsured bank must be engaged in the business of banking in order to be organized under the laws governing investor-owned institutions.
5. It eliminates the requirement in current law that all financial institutions must post a copy of their financial statements in their offices. Instead, it requires a federally insured financial institution to post a notice in its main office that this information is available to the public upon request, except that limited purpose banks must continue to post a copy of their financial statements in their offices.

**LD 121 An Act to Expand Health Insurance Coverage to Certain State Employees**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Beginning November 1, 2023, Public Law 2023, chapter 451 requires the State to pay its share of the individual premium for the state employee health insurance plan for a session-only employee of the Legislature regardless of whether the employee is in active work status unless the session-only employee has health coverage under another plan. The law also clarifies that the payment of premiums is not intended to provide an incentive for employees to artificially delay notice of resignation.

**LD 224 An Act to Strengthen Maine's Health Care Workforce by Preventing Discrimination by Requiring Maintenance of Certification for Insurance Reimbursement**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 40 prohibits health insurance carriers from conditioning reimbursement, provider network or credentialing status for a physician, hospital or outpatient clinical practice on a physician's, hospital's or outpatient clinical practice's participation in a maintenance of certification program.