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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 Second Regular Session 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 Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature is Friday, August 9, 2024. 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 ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

LD 122 An Act to Update the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program and to Establish a Pilot Program to Support the Uptake of Medium Duty and Heavy Duty Zero-emission Vehicles

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 535 does the following.

1. It replaces the term “rebate” in the electric vehicle rebate program with the term “incentive”.
2. It increases the maximum retail price of an electric vehicle that may qualify for the electric vehicle incentive program from \$50,000 to \$55,000 and clarifies that, to qualify for an incentive, the requirement that the purchase or lease be from an in-state entity only applies to purchases or leases from licensed automobile dealers and authorized licensees of the original equipment manufacturer.
3. It allows the Efficiency Maine Trust to require that a recipient of an incentive under the electric vehicle incentive program maintain a Maine registration for 36 months to retain the full amount of the incentive instead of requiring ownership for 36 months.
4. It clarifies that the Efficiency Maine Trust must establish incentive amounts that it determines will most effectively increase the use of eligible electric vehicles in this State to advance the State's carbon reduction targets.
5. It requires the Efficiency Maine Trust, to the extent that funds allow, to establish a pilot program to provide incentives for the purchase or lease of medium duty and heavy duty vehicles in commercial applications that are electric vehicles and establishes eligibility requirements for participants in the pilot program.
6. It requires the Efficiency Maine Trust to provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters on the activities and findings of the program by December 31, 2026.

LD 240 Resolve, to Direct the Maine Connectivity Authority to Develop Proposed Legislation to Increase Broadband Internet Access

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 155 directs the Maine Connectivity Authority to develop proposed legislation to improve the ability of tenants in multiple dwelling units in the State to receive broadband Internet service and benefit from increased competition among Internet service providers. The authority must submit a written summary of its activities and proposed legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utility matters by January 30, 2025.