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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 83 An Act to Clarify State Policy Regarding Cannabis Paraphernalia in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and the Cannabis Legalization Act**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 6 defines the term "cannabis paraphernalia" for purposes of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act, Title 22, chapter 558-C, and the Cannabis Legalization Act, Title 28, chapter 1 and makes the following clarifications.

1. A person may sell, offer to sell or furnish cannabis paraphernalia to a qualifying patient, caregiver or registered dispensary for a qualifying patient's medical use of cannabis.
2. A caregiver or registered dispensary, as defined in the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act, and a cannabis store, as defined in the Cannabis Legalization Act, may sell, offer to sell or furnish cannabis paraphernalia for the purpose of cannabis use.
3. A retail tobacco license is not required to sell, offer to sell or furnish cannabis paraphernalia.
4. A person is prohibited from selling, offering to sell or furnishing products containing tobacco, nicotine or synthetic nicotine without first obtaining a retail tobacco license.
5. A person may be in the vicinity of the medical use of cannabis.

Public Law 2023, chapter 6 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 15, 2023.

### **LD 141 An Act to Simplify the Sale of Food Requirement for Certain Licenses for the Sale of Liquor to Be Consumed on the Licensed Premises**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 44 makes the following changes to the sale of food requirement for on-premises licensees.

1. It adds indoor golf centers and outdoor golf centers to the list of establishments that may be licensed for the sale of spirits, wine or malt liquor to be consumed on or off the licensed premises. It also defines "indoor golf center" as a commercially operated indoor facility that offers golf simulator facilities to the public for a fee and that has adequate facilities for the sale and consumption of liquor and "outdoor golf center" as a commercially operated outdoor facility with areas for practicing golf shots with rentable golf clubs and balls, which may include a miniature golf course that has adequate facilities for the sale and consumption of liquor, but does not mean a golf course.
2. It adds "indoor golf center" and "outdoor golf center" to the section of statute that outlines the specific license requirements for similar types of recreational facilities and to the sections of

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statute that outline the types of eligible premises for each license type to correspond to those license types available to similar recreational facilities.

3. It eliminates the sale of food requirement for bowling centers, curling centers, disc golf courses, golf courses, indoor ice skating centers, indoor racquet centers, Class A lounges and taverns.
4. It changes the gross annual income requirements from the sale of food for Class A restaurants, Class A restaurant/lounges and year-round and part-time qualified catering services from an amount based on a municipality's population to 10% of the licensee's gross annual income.
5. It aligns the sale of food requirement for auxiliary licenses with those of the primary licensed premises.

Public Law 2023, chapter 44 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 1, 2023.

### **LD 147 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Raffles Conducted by Eligible Organizations**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 86 makes the following changes to the laws governing certain raffles conducted by eligible organizations.

1. It increases the amount of the prize value for a 50/50 raffle held during a game of chance tournament from \$1,000 to \$2000.
2. It increases the amount of a noncash prize that can be offered by an eligible organization in a raffle from \$75,000 to \$150,000 and requires the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit to adjust every two years the noncash prize dollar value based on the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and rounded to the nearest amount divisible by \$100.
3. Current law caps a cash prize offered by an eligible organization in a raffle at \$20,000 with no more than one \$10,000 cash prize per holder of a winning chance. Public Law 2023, chapter 86 keeps the cap per holder of a winning chance at \$10,000 but allows for an unlimited number of cash prizes to be awarded.
4. It allows an eligible organization to conduct more than one raffle at a time.
5. It designates lottery tickets as noncash prizes and determines that the total value of the lottery ticket as a noncash prize is based on the purchase price of the lottery ticket and not the potential or actual value of the lottery ticket winnings.