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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.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

LD 404 Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 89 directs the Department of Transportation, subject to available funding resources, permitting and municipal agreements, to remove 31 miles of state-owned inactive existing railroad track between the Town of Standish and the Town of Fryeburg and replace the track with an interim 10-foot-wide bicycle and pedestrian trail, surfaced with either pavement or stone dust on the existing rail bed.

LD 456 An Act to Support the Safe Use of Bicycles and Roller Skis

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 334 clarifies that traffic includes bicycles and roller skis when making a left turn on 2-way roads. It prohibits a person operating a motor vehicle near a person operating a bicycle or roller skis and proceeding in the opposite direction from making a left turn unless the turn can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with the safe and legal operation of the bicycle or roller skis.

LD 467 Resolve, to Study Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 53 directs the Commissioner of Transportation to convene a working group on accessible electric vehicle charging stations. The working group consists of at least nine members appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation. The commissioner must appoint two chairs from the members. The working group must develop a document that simplifies and standardizes the U.S. Access Board's Design Recommendations for Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for use by contractors and other parties interested in design and installation. This document may include user accessibility, charging station aisle width and design, equipment placement, signs and other elements. The working group must develop standards regarding accessibility for local code enforcement. The Department of Transportation must provide necessary staffing services to the working group. No later than January 3, 2024, the working group must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation that includes its recommendations, including suggested legislation. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may submit legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.