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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.

LD 502   Resolve, Designating the Desert of Maine Overpass the Matthew MacMillan Overpass

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 1 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 5741 on Desert Road in the Town of Freeport the Matthew MacMillan Overpass.

LD 522 An Act to Require That Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow and Ice When Operated on Public Ways

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 107 requires the operator of a vehicle with a registered weight under 10,000 pounds to take reasonable measures to prevent snow or ice from falling off the vehicle while it is being operated on a public way and provides for a fine of not more than $50 for a first offense and of not less than $150 and not more than $250 for each subsequent offense. It also adds snow and ice to the definition of "load" in the provisions of law governing unsecured loads.

LD 528 An Act to Improve Road Safety for Waste and Recycling Collection Employees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 68 adds requirements for persons attempting to pass business vehicles used to transport refuse, garbage, compost, recycling or trash. It also clarifies that business vehicles used to transport compost or recycling may be equipped with auxiliary lights that emit a flashing amber light.

Current law requires persons attempting to pass vehicles used to assist members of the public or law enforcement officers with disabled vehicles or to remove debris from a roadway, including wreckers, or vehicles used to construct, maintain, inspect or repair utility infrastructure to do so in a nonadjacent lane when possible or at a careful and prudent speed if the vehicles are using their authorized lights.

LD 552 An Act Regarding the Definition of "Reportable Accident"

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 27 changes the threshold amount of apparent property damage after which an accident must be reported from $1,000 to $2,000.