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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 238 Resolve, Regarding Mortgage Assistance for Persons with Illnesses Related to COVID-19**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 58 directs the Maine State Housing Authority to continue its current programs providing mortgage assistance to residents of the State and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business summarizing its implementation of the programs and analyzing the effectiveness of the programs in alleviating the financial burdens faced by those suffering the impact of illnesses or other factors related to COVID-19, no later than February 1, 2024. It also allows the committee to report out legislation related to the information provided in the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

**LD 374 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Transportation of Human Remains, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 20 provides legislative authorization for the final adoption of Chapter 12: Transportation of Human Remains, a major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service.

Resolve 2023, chapter 20 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 1, 2023.

**LD 675 Resolve, to Improve the Convenience of Public Restrooms**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 65 requires the Plumbers' Examining Board to update Maine's plumbing code to ensure consistency with the provisions of the 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code that relate to the minimum number of required fixtures in public restrooms.

**LD 677 An Act to Ensure Consumer Protection from Resale Ticket Vendors**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public law 2023, chapter 335 requires that for-profit ticket resellers that engage in the resale of tickets in this State and whose primary business is the sale or resale of tickets must refund the amount paid by the customer if the event for which a ticket was purchased is cancelled, the ticket is not accepted by the entity holding the event, the ticket is cancelled by the entity holding the entertainment event or the person who purchased the ticket does not receive the ticket in time to

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attend the event. The law also makes violation of the ticket reseller requirements an unfair trade practice.

**LD 755 An Act to Promote Higher Blends of Biofuel by Regulating the Sale or Transfer of Biofuel**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 43 amends definitions applicable to the sale of biodiesel, biomass-based diesel, biomass-based diesel blends and biodiesel blends. It requires a person that transfers fuel containing biodiesel, biomass-based diesel, biomass-based diesel blends and biodiesel blends to prepare and maintain a transfer document.

**LD 950 An Act to Authorize Kickboxing and Muay Thai Competition Under the Combat Sports Authority of Maine**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 152 adds definitions for "kickboxing" and "Muay Thai" to the laws governing mixed martial arts and boxing, brings kickboxing and Muay Thai under the jurisdiction of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine and exempts kickboxing and Muay Thai, as authorized by the authority, from the crime of unlawful prize fighting.

**LD 975 An Act to Align Maine's Elevator Safety Laws with Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Standards**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 149 requires that whenever a passenger elevator is installed in a building being newly constructed or in a new addition that extends beyond the exterior walls of an existing building, at least one passenger elevator must reach every story within the building and be of sufficient size to allow the transport of a person on an ambulance stretcher in the fully supine position, without having to raise, lower or bend the stretcher in any way. It also provides that "story" has the same meaning as in the International Building Code, as adopted by the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Technical Building Codes and Standards Board.

Public Law 2023, chapter 149 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2023.