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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 637 An Act to Promote the Use of Free Annual Wellness Visits by Ensuring Proper Disclosure

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 80 requires health care providers and health insurance carriers to provide notice about services included in annual wellness visits and that some services performed during a wellness visit and services related to a specific health condition may have an out-of-pocket cost. The requirements for health insurance carriers apply beginning January 1, 2024.

LD 717 An Act to Adopt the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 310 enacts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, an interstate compact designed to facilitate the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology across state boundaries to improve access to these services where the patient is located at the time of the encounter and to provide for the mutual recognition of licenses from other states that are members of the interstate compact.

LD 722 An Act to Expedite the Health Insurance Referral Process for Specialists by Allowing Referrals During Urgent Care Visits

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 119 prohibits a health insurance carrier from denying payment for any behavioral health care service or physical therapy service covered under an enrollee's health plan based solely on the basis that the enrollee's referral was not made by the enrollee's primary care provider as long as the enrollee's referral is made by a provider during an urgent care visit and the provider notifies the enrollee's primary care provider of the referral. The requirements apply beginning January 1, 2024.

LD 752 An Act to Expand Access to Banking Services for Minors

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 42 provides that a minor is deemed to be of legal age and capacity and the account owner with respect to a bank account established at a bank or credit union authorized to do business in this State for all transactions with respect to a minor's account that does not have a joint owner of majority age. The law authorizes a minor to endorse and deposit to the credit of the minor's account checks and other instruments for the payment of money.