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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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2. Employees of advance deposit wagering licensees are required to be licensed.
3. Advance deposit wagering licensees that are business organization are required to be organized in this State, although that business organization may be a wholly or partially owned subsidiary of an entity organized pursuant to the laws of another state or a foreign country. Account wagering providers are exempt from this requirement.
4. In order to be licensed, a licensee must accept wagers for all live races conducted in this State and made available for simulcast.
5. Licenses to conduct advance deposit wagering are to be renewed annually and the fee for renewal is \$250.
6. A person who was a party to a contract with the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board as of January 1, 2023 authorizing that person to conduct advance deposit wagering in the State may continue to conduct advance deposit wagering pursuant to the provisions of the contract until the expiration of that contract or until that person receives a license. A party under that contract is entitled to apply for a renewal of an advance deposit wagering license without needing to pay an investigation fee.
7. The Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit is required to meet with and seek input from stakeholders on issues related to revenue implications for licensed harness racing tracks in Maine from the expansion of advance deposit wagering, including policies adopted in other states and technical capabilities of advance deposit wagering platforms. The Gambling Control Unit is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs no later than December 15, 2023.

Public Law 2023, chapter 440 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 26, 2023.

### **LD 740 An Act to Clarify the Criteria for State Approval of Alcoholic Beverage Container Labels**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 219 limits the approval of alcoholic beverage container labels by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to whether a label conforms to regulations of the United States Department of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau and criteria that prohibits labels that appeal to prurient interest, depict sexual or other lewd acts, lack serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value or that targets minors.