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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 636 An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License and Ensure the Quality of Personal Care Agencies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 309 replaces the registration process with a licensing process for personal care agencies. It adds personal care agencies to the provisions of law governing receivership and other laws. It requires immediate supervisors of certified nursing assistants and direct care workers who are ineligible for employment to be listed on the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants and Direct Care Workers. It removes registration requirements for placement agencies.

LD 709 Resolve, to Develop a Home Share Pilot Program for Older Adults

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 108 requires the Maine State Housing Authority to develop and administer, through a request for proposals, a home share pilot program primarily aimed at assisting older persons by matching older persons who own homes with spare rooms to adults in need of affordable housing. It requires the Maine State Housing Authority to submit a report, no later than January 1, 2025, regarding the program to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and labor and housing matters.

LD 757 Resolve, to Review Telemonitoring and Certain Telehealth Services Reimbursed under MaineCare

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 84 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to review its MaineCare reimbursement of telemonitoring services and of ultrasound procedures and fetal nonstress tests performed remotely in a residence or other off-site location through telehealth. The department is required to submit its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 10, 2024. The committee may report out legislation related to the department's report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 775 An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 164 imposes labeling requirements on the installation and servicing of water treatment equipment installed on or after July 1, 2024. It limits the definition of "water treatment equipment" to include only equipment located in a private residence. It also provides that a water treatment company that fails to comply with the provisions of the bill commits an

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unfair and deceptive act that is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

LD 859 Resolve, to Assess, Develop, Implement and Fund the Reuse of Existing Facilities at Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 75 directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to establish a stakeholder group to examine potential future beneficial public uses of currently unused structures at the Dorothea Dix campus. It requires the department to submit its recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 10, 2024. The committee may report out legislation related to the department's report in the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 883 An Act to Exempt Emergency Medical Services Community Paramedicine Programs from Home Health Care Provider Licensing Requirements Under Certain Circumstances

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 195 adds community paramedicine services to the list of services exempted from home health licensing and includes conditions for the exemption. It also directs the Emergency Medical Services Board to adopt rules consistent with the home health exemption conditions.

LD 915 Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 98 creates the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services to examine the organizational structure of the Department of Health and Human Services and the services provided by the department. The Commission shall examine: the organizational structure of and service delivery at similar agencies in other states and in nongovernmental organizations; strengths and weakness in services provided with state and federal funding; proposals to improve the safety and well-being of children and strengthening families; barriers to accessing services; and areas in which processes can be streamlined and made more efficient. The Commission shall support a report, including its findings and recommendations, to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than November 6, 2024.

Resolve 2023, chapter 98 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 19, 2023.