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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.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LD 979 Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Provide Transportation to Medically Managed Withdrawal Sites

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 111 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with two certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to provide transportation to medically managed withdrawal sites for individuals to receive detoxification services. One of the programs must be located in an urban area of the State and one must be located in a rural area. The total amount of funding for the contracts must be no more than \$30,000. The department must submit a report, no later than January 15, 2026, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with the number of individuals who received services, the distances traveled, the adequacy of funding and an estimate of the cost of providing such services statewide.

LD 982 An Act to Allow the Disclosure of Death Certificate Data to Hospitals and Health Care Practitioners

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 110 requires death certificate data to be provided, upon request, to a hospital or health care practitioner, in accordance with routine technical rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services.

LD 1003 Resolve, to Develop a So-called No Eject, No Reject Policy to Support Children Receiving Behavioral Health Services and Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 60 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a so-called No Eject, No Reject proposal that requires residential providers of behavioral health services for children or services to individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism to receive written approval from the department in circumstances relating to termination of services or declining a referral. The department must establish a stakeholder group to develop the proposal. The department must examine data to determine reasons why providers terminate or refuse referrals for services and determine barriers to accepting individuals for treatment services. The department must report its findings, the proposal and the steps for implementing the proposal, including any rulemaking and recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 2, 2024.

Resolve 2023, chapter 60 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 20, 2023.