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Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE
AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

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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 919 An Act Regarding Licensure in the Field of Emergency Medical Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 166 amends the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 to provide that the Emergency Medical Services' Board may by rule establish appropriate licensure levels and qualifications for emergency medical services persons, emergency medical dispatchers, emergency medical services educators, emergency medical dispatch centers, emergency medical services training centers, ambulance services and nontransporting emergency medical services.

LD 981 An Act to Require All Emergency Medical Services Persons to Be Trained to Administer and Dispense Naloxone Hydrochloride

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Effective July 1, 2024, Public Law 2023, chapter 92 requires an emergency medical services person to administer and dispense naloxone hydrochloride in compliance with protocols and training.

LD 1014 An Act Regarding Payments to Recipients of Restitution

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 196 amends provisions of law regarding the payment of restitution to victims of crimes in the following ways.

1. It provides that upon a final order of disposition of property in a criminal forfeiture proceeding, prior to the deposit of proceeds from that disposition and any cash seized or forfeited, any outstanding restitution must be removed and must be sent to the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case.
2. It requires that after release or discharge from institutional confinement or at the expiration of a period of probation, an offender who is required to pay restitution must make any outstanding restitution payments to the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case.
3. It requires the Department of Corrections provide an offender, prior to the offender's unconditional release and discharge from institutional confinement or completion of a period of probation, written notice that any outstanding restitution must be paid to the office of the attorney for the State that prosecuted the case.
4. It requires the Department of Corrections to notify the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case of the amount of restitution outstanding at least 30 days prior to an

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offender's unconditional release and discharge from institutional confinement or completion of a period of probation.

5. It requires that if an offender who is required to make restitution payments to the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case instead makes payment to the Department of Corrections or the department otherwise receives money that is owed as restitution by an offender who is no longer in the custody or under the supervision of the department, the department must forward the money to the victim and must inform the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case of that action.
6. It clarifies language, changing references to "monetary compensation" to "restitution".

LD 1036 An Act to Require All Uniformed Patrol Officers to Carry Naloxone Hydrochloride When on Duty

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 153, requires that all law enforcement officers who perform duties as uniformed patrol officers carry naloxone hydrochloride while on duty, obtain medical training in accordance with protocols adopted by the Medical Direction and Practices Board and administer or dispense intranasal naloxone hydrochloride as clinically indicated.

LD 1052 An Act to Expand Good Samaritan Protections for Naloxone Hydrochloride Administration

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 154 amends provisions of law that provide immunity from civil penalty, criminal penalty or professional disciplinary action for providing or administering naloxone hydrochloride to an individual by extending this immunity to apply to all persons and entities.

LD 1103 An Act to Allow Persons Who Lawfully Use or Possess Cannabis to Own or Possess Firearms or Ammunition

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 381 removes the use, possession or transport of cannabis pursuant to the Cannabis Legalization Act or the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act from serving as a basis by which a person can be prohibited from owning, possessing or having under the person's control a firearm under Maine law.