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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 985 Resolve, to Provide Additional Funding to the Maine Veterans' Homes**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 117 provides one-time funding from the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account, in the amount of \$2,600,000, to fund ongoing operations of Maine Veterans' Homes.

### **LD 1012 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Timing of Judicial Review of the Determination of the Validity of Written Petitions**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 2 proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to change the time period for judicial review of the validity of written petitions from within 100 days from the date of filing to within 100 business days from the date of filing unless the petition is filed within 30 calendar days before or after a general election, in which case the judicial review must be completed within 100 business days after the 30th calendar day following that general election.

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 2 as finally passed by the Legislature is contingent upon the approval of the voters at a statewide election to be held November 7, 2023.

### **LD 1022 An Act to Extend the Time Allowed Between a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting and a Budget Validation Referendum**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 256 extends the period of time allowed between a regional school unit budget meeting and the budget referendum from on or before the 30th calendar day following the scheduled date of the regional school unit budget meeting to on or before the 45th calendar day following the scheduled date of the regional school unit budget meeting.

### **LD 1066 An Act to Allow a Restaurant to Serve a Bottle of Wine to the Person Who Brought the Bottle**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 103 allows a restaurant, Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge licensed by the State to sell wine on the premises to allow a person who has purchased a full meal to provide a bottle of wine to consume on the premises. A restaurant, Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge may charge a fee, not to exceed \$100 per bottle. The person may remove and transport the partially consumed bottle of wine in a manner consistent with the provisions of law

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regarding the removal and transport of a partially consumed bottle of wine purchased from a restaurant, Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge.

### **LD 1073 An Act to Streamline Label Registrations for Malt Liquor, Wine, Hard Cider and Low-alcohol Spirits**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 197 adds to the exceptions to the registration requirement for labels of malt liquor, wine, hard cider or low-alcohol spirits products sold in the State labels approved by the United States Department of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. A manufacturer of products sold in this State that bear such a label is required to notify the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations of that fact.

### **LD 1088 An Act to Update the Gambling Laws to Allow Once-annual Game Nights for Eligible Organizations and Registered Political Committees**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 391 establishes the requirements for conducting a once-annual game night and authorizes the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit to accept a once-annual game night registration from an eligible organization, the proceeds from which are dedicated to a charitable purpose, or from a registered party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee, the proceeds from which are for the purpose of fund-raising. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices is required to adopt rules regarding the reporting of proceeds from a game night.

### **LD 1125 Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to Study Paying Bonuses to Agents for Selling Certain Winning Lottery Tickets**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 22 requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to study paying bonuses to persons licensed to sell lottery tickets for winning Powerball tickets, Mega Millions tickets and Lotto America tickets that are not grand prize winners and develop a system to pay bonuses to persons selling winning Powerball tickets, Mega Millions tickets and Lotto America tickets with prizes over \$10,000 that are not grand prize winners. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations shall submit a report, including any recommended legislation, no later than December 6, 2023, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.