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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 1169 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 456 changes the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program to a grant program and increases the maximum allowable distribution of funds per applicant from \$700 to \$1,000.

LD 1198 Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to Convene an Advisory Council to Improve the State's 10-year Economic Development Strategy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 68 directs the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to update the State's economic development strategy to ensure that it provides a 10-year plan for economic development statewide and directs the commissioner to establish an advisory council to assist the commissioner in updating the strategy. No later than December 6, 2023 the commissioner is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business, and the committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the information provided in the report.

LD 1256 An Act to Increase Access to Oral Health Care by Expanding the Maine Dental Education Loan Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 130 expands eligibility for the Maine Dental Education Loan Program to include dental hygienists, dental therapists, expanded function dental assistants and dental assistants.

LD 1286 Resolve, to Establish the Blue Economy Task Force to Support Maine's Emergence as a Center for Blue Economy Innovation and Opportunity in the 21st Century

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 119 directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to convene the blue economy task force. It defines the term "blue economy," designates who must be part of the task force, requires the task force to consult with individuals and entities representing certain business sectors not included on the task force, as well as federally recognized Indian tribes in the State and narrows the scope of the task force's duties. The task force is required to submit

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a written report to the Governor and the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business no later than February 1, 2025. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the findings and recommendations in the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

LD 1306 An Act to Protect Homeowners from Unfair Agreements to Exclusively List Residential Real Estate for Sale

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 290 prohibits the creation of a long-term agreement with an owner of residential real estate that includes a provision that purports to bind any future owner of the property; allow for the assignment of the real estate brokerage services without the consent of the owner; create any lien, encumbrance or other real property security interest; or obligate the owner to pay a fee or commission upon the sale of the residential real estate that is not the result of real estate brokerage services provided under the agreement.

LD 1318 Resolve, Directing the Maine Technology Institute to Review Targeted Technology Sectors and Industry Clusters

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 24 directs the Maine Technology Institute to review the targeted technology sectors and the industry clusters to determine whether the laws governing the sectors and clusters should be amended. The institute is required to solicit public input during the review. The resolve requires the institute to submit a report on the results of the review, including findings, recommendations and suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business, and the committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 1605 An Act to Amend the Terms of the Members of the Maine Space Corporation Board of Directors by Requiring Staggered Terms

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 76 requires that the Governor, in making initial appointments of the members of the Board of Directors of the Maine Space Corporation, appoint the members for staggered terms.

Public Law 2023, chapter 76 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 11, 2023.