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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 654 Resolve, Directing the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to Study Methods to Encourage the Development of Accessory Dwelling Units

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 107 directs the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to convene a group of stakeholders to study methods and develop model policy to encourage the development and construction of accessory dwelling units. The law also directs the office to submit a report, with findings and recommendations, to the Joint Select Committee on Housing no later than March 1, 2024. The law authorizes the Joint Select Committee on Housing to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

LD 774 An Act to Require the Maine State Housing Authority to Report to the Legislature on the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 251 amends the law requiring the Maine State Housing Authority to submit a biennial report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters covering the 2 prior fiscal years of the authority and requiring the committee to review the report by May 1st. The law requires the authority to submit the report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters, rather than taxation matters, annually. The law requires the report to not only provide a full accounting of how funds were spent in the prior fiscal year but also a detailed summary of how funds were spent in the prior 10 fiscal years.

LD 1289 An Act to Facilitate Property Redevelopment and Encourage Affordable Housing by Allowing the Conveyance of Unfinished Commercial Condominium Units

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 198 allows the conveyance of certain unfinished commercial condominium units to a purchaser or transferee for completion by the purchaser or transferee.

LD 1706 An Act to Clarify Statewide Laws Regarding Affordable Housing and Accessory Dwelling Units

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 192 makes changes to provisions of law regarding affordable housing and accessory dwelling units by:

1. Changing the implementation date for provisions of law regarding affordable housing, dwelling units and accessory dwelling units from July 1, 2023 to January 1, 2024 for municipalities for which