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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 1378 An Act Regarding Liquor Service by Catering Services for Special Events at Licensed Wineries, Small Wineries, Breweries, Small Breweries, Distilleries and Small Distilleries

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 269 allows a qualified catering service to provide liquor at functions or events held at wineries, small wineries, breweries, small breweries, distilleries or small distilleries as long as the catering service files an application at least 24 hours in advance of the function or event on a form provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations. A winery, small winery, brewery, small brewery, distillery or small distillery may host on the premises up to four times in a seven-day period a function or event where a qualified catering service provides the service of liquor.

Public Law 2023, chapter 269 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2023.

LD 1477 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Align the Proceedings for Circulating Written Petitions for People's Vetoes and Direct Initiatives with Federal Law

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 3 proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to remove the requirement that a circulator of a citizen's initiative or people's veto petition be a resident of this State and a registered voter in this State, which have been found to be unconstitutional by a federal court.

Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 3 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 1523 An Act to Establish a Qualifying Condition Review Board to Provide Benefits to Certain Service Members

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 202 establishes the Qualifying Condition Review Board to accept and review applications from veterans with a discharge characterization of less than an honorable discharge who believe the discharge characterization was based on the veteran's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression; conduct associated with a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder or acquired brain injury; or conduct or circumstances relating to being a victim of military sexual assault. The board has three members, appointed by the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, all of whom must have relevant clinical experience working with veterans. A veteran whose