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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 Second Regular Session 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 Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature is Friday, August 9, 2024. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

LD 1471 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 200: Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 169 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 200: Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that was submitted for legislative review outside the legislative rule acceptance period, only if certain specified changes are made to the rule prior to final adoption.

Resolve 2023, chapter 169 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2024.

LD 1537 An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Prevention of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 630 amends the laws governing products containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, as follows.

1. It amends the manufacturer notification requirement to provide that a manufacturer is only required to submit to the Department of Environmental Protection information regarding a product containing intentionally added PFAS that the manufacturer sells, offers for sale or distributes for sale in this State if the sale of that product is otherwise prohibited and the department has determined by rule that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use. A manufacturer that submits such a notification must at the same time pay to the department a fee established by the department by rule to cover the department's costs in administering the law.

2. It provides that, effective January 1, 2026, a person may not sell, offer for sale or distribute for sale in this State any of the following products containing intentionally added PFAS: a cleaning product, a cookware product, a cosmetic product, dental floss, a juvenile product, a menstruation product, a textile article, ski wax or upholstered furniture. This prohibition does not apply to any such product for which the department has determined by rule that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use.

3. It provides that, effective January 1, 2029, a person may not sell, offer for sale or distribute for sale in this State any of the following products containing intentionally added PFAS: artificial turf or, except where accompanied by a disclosure regarding PFAS in the product, outdoor apparel for severe wet conditions. This prohibition does not apply to any such product for which the department has determined by rule that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use.