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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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panels; and any other subject matter requested by the committee. Resolve 2021, chapter 142 required quarterly reports for a limited period and Public Law 2023, chapter 261 makes those reports permanent but with some changes to the content. Public Law 2023, chapter 261 also clarifies that the Child Welfare Advisory Panel shall provide an annual report to the Legislature, rather than the Department of Health and Human Services providing the annual report.

### **LD 1417 Resolve, to Ensure Efficiency and Effectiveness in Maine’s Licensing and Certification of Behavioral Health Services**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 57 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that its rules governing the licensing of mental health facilities avoids, as much as possible, standards that require duplicate licensing visits and surveys of behavioral health agencies and allows instead any equivalent standards by either national or state accrediting or licensing bodies. The rules must ensure that services are safe and meeting quality requirements, license by agency and not by service or facility site unless prohibited by federal Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration or other applicable federal requirements and reduce duplication of effort on the part of providers as much as possible. The department must submit a report on progress, no later than February 15, 2024 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the committee is authorized to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature if more legislative action is necessary.

### **LD 1439 An Act to Promote Family-centered Interventions for Substance Use Disorder Treatment**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 463 requires a hospital to post in a publicly accessible area of its emergency department information provided by the Department of Health and Human Services regarding how individuals with substance use disorder can access evidence-based treatment services. It provides \$30,000 in one-time grant funds to support substance use disorder treatments that include family members of the person with substance use disorder, including community reinforcement and family training interventions.

### **LD 1474 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Expedite Reimbursement of Long-term Care Facilities**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 121 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities, and Chapter III, Section 97, Private Non-Medical

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Institution Services, Appendix C, to require the department to reimburse at least 75% of their as-filed settlement pursuant to the facility's cost reports within 90 days of receipt.

### **LD 1481 An Act Regarding Clearance for Occupancy Under the Lead Poisoning Control Act**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 270 authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to, on a case-by-case basis, permit the owner of an owner-occupied residential dwelling of three dwelling units or fewer for which lead-based substances have been ordered to be removed, replaced or securely and permanently covered to rent a vacant unit or units in that residential dwelling before full abatement of the dwelling is achieved if the department determines that residents may be sufficiently protected from lead-based substances in the dwelling.

Public Law 2023, chapter 270 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2023.

### **LD 1722 Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities**

#### **ENACTED SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 100 establishes the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities to evaluate funding models and structures that allow for the sustained investment in the health and prosperity of youth and families in the State and make recommendations for further legislative action.

Resolve 2023, chapter 100 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 19, 2023.

### **LD 1728 An Act to Ensure Access to Federally Approved Opioid Overdose-reversing Medication**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 161 adds other opioid overdose-reversing medications to statutes governing naloxone hydrochloride.