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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 1709 An Act to Update the Elevator and Tramway Safety Laws Regarding Construction Hoists**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 326 defines "construction hoist" and requires the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to adopt rules regarding the proper operation of construction hoists and training requirements for construction hoist operators. It also provides that, after the rules are adopted, a person may not operate a construction hoist except as in accordance with the rules.

**LD 1713 An Act to Update Electrical Education and Other Licensure Requirements for Electricians**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 327 amends the laws governing the licensing of electricians to eliminate unintended barriers for applicants seeking to complete the requisite electrical education needed to qualify to take an examination and requires the Electricians' Examining Board to establish in rule the minimum curriculum requirements for a program of study. The board is not required to approve any individual program of study or accredited institution as long as the offered course of study meets the coursework requirements set forth in rule. The law also does the following.

1. It reorganizes the current structure of the law regarding what is required in order for an applicant to qualify to take an examination and what is required at the stage the individual applies for a license after passage of an examination.
2. It clarifies that the board may require a person to first pass an examination approved by the board in order to obtain a limited electrician license.
3. For the journeyman, master and limited electrician categories of licensure, it provides that all applicants for licensure must have completed a 45-hour course in the National Electrical Code within two years of applying for a license.
4. For the journeyman-in-training electrician examination it allows an applicant to qualify for examination by completing at least 6,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed apprentice electrician and a 576-hour course of study as adopted by the Electricians' Examining Board or a course of study approved by the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship or by a state apprenticeship agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship.