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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.

CAPPIED OVER
CARRIED OVER
CON RES XXX
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCYenacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGEemergency 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 GOVERNORGovernor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAWsponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODYruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
NDEF PP indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT Xought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
<i>P&S XXXchapter # of enacted private & special law</i>
PUBLIC XXX
RESOLVE XXX
VETO SUSTAINED

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 1822 An Act to Amend the Specialty License Plate Laws and Extend the Moratorium on Approval of Specialty License Plates and Remove the Authority of Municipalities to Issue Driver's Licenses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 271 does the following.

- 1. It removes language that anticipated that municipal offices would issue driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards.
- 2. It amends the laws regarding specialty license plates regarding fees, duplicate numbers, the preliminary approval process and mechanisms for limiting the number of specialty license plates issued.
- 3. It extends the moratorium on approval of new specialty or recognition license plates to June 30, 2025.

Public Law 2023, chapter 271 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2023.

LD 1843 Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Bremen the Kitty Breskin Memorial Bridge

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 64 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 6472 on Waldoboro Road in the Town of Bremen the Kitty Breskin Memorial Bridge.

LD 1848 Resolve, to Designate the Route 15 Bridge Located in the Town of Kenduskeag the William S. Pullen Bridge

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 72 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 2967 on Route 15 in the Town of Kenduskeag the William S. Pullen Bridge.

Resolve 2023, chapter 72 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2023.

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