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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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to a health plan offered for use with a health savings account unless the federal Internal Revenue Service determines that the benefits required by the bill are permissible in a high deductible health plan.

LD 1856 Resolve, to Study the Establishment of a Public Option Health Benefit Plan

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 518, the Office of Affordable Health Care is required to submit a report to the Legislature by January 1, 2024 on the effects of policies aimed at improving health care affordability and coverage and the effects of the policies on enrollment in comprehensive health coverage, including consideration of a public option health benefit plan. Resolve 2023, chapter 87 requires the office to prioritize studying the creation of a public option health benefit plan that takes the form of a fully publicly administered plan eligible for advanced premium tax credits through the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace or a buy-in to the MaineCare program and to consider other models to address the availability and affordability of health coverage in the State and ways that the State may leverage federal-state innovation waivers to improve affordability for consumers.

Resolve 2023, chapter 87 also provides for phased-in submission of the report by requiring the office to submit a report that prioritizes the consideration of a public option health benefit plan to the Legislature no later than January 31, 2024 and to submit a final report fulfilling the remaining requirements in Public Law 2021, chapter 518 no later than January 31, 2025.

LD 1936 An Act to Allow Certified Nurse Practitioners to Provide In-home Care Without a Home Health Care Provider License

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 267 exempts home health care services provided directly by certified nurse practitioners from the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 419, which concerns home health services and the licensure of home health care providers.