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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.

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3. It changes the surcharge for a wholesale seafood license with a sea urchin buyer's permit from \$500 to \$160.
4. It removes an existing exception to holding a seaweed permit when selling seaweed that has detached naturally and is dead.
5. It adds an exemption for the harvesting of green crabs that provides that a person may fish for, take, possess or transport green crabs without a license if the person is acting at the direction of a municipal shellfish management committee for the purpose of municipal shellfish management and if the green crabs are not sold.

LD 2064 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Certain Advisory Councils and Boards Related to the Department of Marine Resources

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 556 makes the following changes regarding certain advisory councils and boards related to the Department of Marine Resources.

1. It amends the membership of the Marine Resources Advisory Council by adding the chair of the Aquaculture Advisory Council as an ex officio member and eliminating the member representing the aquaculture industry selected by the Governor.
2. It expands the membership of the Aquaculture Advisory Council from five to seven members and states that, in appointing members to the council, the Commissioner of Marine Resources shall ensure that there is geographic representation as well as representation of multiple sectors of the aquaculture industry. It also states that at least one member and up to two members of the council must be members of the public with expertise in matters related to the work of the council.
3. It limits members of the Aquaculture Advisory Council to no more than two consecutive terms and expands the purpose of the council by requiring the council to make recommendations on matters of interest to the aquaculture industry to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters. It also specifies officers for the council and increases the required number of meetings from one to two per year.
4. It amends the membership of the board that advises the Commissioner of Marine Resources on expenditures from the Lobster Research, Education and Development Fund by changing the membership structure from one that consists of certain associations to one that consists of individuals representing certain sectors of the lobster industry as well as individuals representing the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative and the Lobster Advisory Council.