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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 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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LD 2070 An Act to Implement a Facility-based Monitoring System for Slot Machines

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 549 amends the laws relating to the auditing and security of slot machines by replacing the requirement that the Department of Public Safety maintain a central site monitoring system with a requirement that all slot machines communicate electronically with an on-site facility-based monitoring system that is accessible by the department. The Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board, or the director or staff of the board, in collaboration with a casino operator or slot machine operator, has the ability to disable slot machines when appropriate. An on-site computer system that is accessible by the department through read-only access and was in operation as of January 1, 2024 at a casino or slot machine facility licensed by the State is considered a facility-based monitoring system.

Public Law 2023, chapter 549 also amends the provision of law regarding examination of slot machines and associated equipment to provide that the Gambling Control Board, in cooperation with the Department of Public Safety, must approve qualified independent laboratories for certification of slot machines and associated equipment from slot machine distributors and gambling services vendors seeking registration. A slot machine distributor or gambling services vendor seeking certification of the slot machine or associated equipment must pay the board-approved independent laboratory the cost of the certification before it is completed. The Gambling Control Board may adopt routine technical rules to establish the approval process to verify certifications, approve shipments and inspect slot machines.

The provisions of Public Law 2023, chapter 549 have an effective date of June 30, 2024.

Public Law 2023, chapter 549 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2024.

LD 2080 An Act to Create a Universal Exclusion List for All Forms of Gambling in the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 635 allows individuals to voluntarily exclude themselves from a slot machine facility, a casino, advance deposit wagering, a fantasy contest or sports wagering collectively or separately and also allows the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Unit and licensees to work with a universal list and not a list for each separate area of regulation. It also includes provisions for the inclusion on the universal list of individuals who are involuntarily excluded from a slot machine facility, a casino, advance deposit wagering, a fantasy contest or sports wagering. It adds a requirement directing the Gambling Control Board to adopt rules relating to the conduct of advance deposit wagering that establish provisions allowing persons to restrict themselves from advance deposit wagering upon request by placing themselves on the universal list and that define standards for involuntary placement on the universal list and for removal from the universal list. It also directs the board to adopt these rules in a manner consistent, to the extent possible, for all forms of gambling included on the universal list.