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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.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LD 2050 An Act to Expand Accreditation Options for Laboratories That Conduct Blood-alcohol or Drug Testing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 498 adds an additional accreditation option for laboratories that test blood samples to determine blood-alcohol levels or the presence of a drug or drug metabolite. In addition to laboratories certified under the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988, the law provides that laboratories may be accredited pursuant to standard ISO/IEC 17025 of the International Organization for Standardization by a third party accrediting body.

LD 2055 An Act to Delay Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Within the MaineCare Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 576 makes rules regarding electronic visit verification for providers offering hospice services under the MaineCare program major substantive rules; prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from implementing electronic visit verification earlier than March 1, 2025; and directs the department by February 1, 2025 to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on efforts to combat fraud, waste and abuse in the delivery of hospice services, to provide information on federal initiatives that include Medicaid hospice providers and to make recommendations regarding the application of electronic visit verification to hospice services under the MaineCare program.

LD 2082 Resolve, to Review the Timeliness of Contract Payments by the Department of Health and Human Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 182 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to review the timeliness of payments made to grantees of contracts awarded by the office within the department responsible for the provision of behavioral health services and housing assistance programs in fiscal year 2023-24 and in fiscal year 2024-25 through December 2024. It requires the department to identify the reasons for any delays of payments and to compile its data into a report. It requires the department to review its process for the payment of late fees in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1554 and to provide written guidance to grantees of contracts regarding the process to request payment of late fees. By February 1, 2025, the department must provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding the department's findings and actions taken pursuant to this resolve.