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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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flood-related disaster aid received while the prospective seller owned the property. If the disclosure is not provided to the purchaser until after the purchaser makes an offer to purchase the property or exercises an option to purchase the property, the purchaser may withdraw the offer or terminate any resulting contract within 72 hours after receiving the disclosure.

LD 2081 An Act to Amend a Notice Provision Regarding Registration of Out-of-state Child Custody Determinations Under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 532 amends the State's version of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act to shift the burden of serving notice of the registration of a child custody determination issued in another state from the Maine District Court to the party seeking to register the child custody determination in Maine.

LD 2085 An Act to Update Maine's Domestic Violence and Stalking Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 519 aligns the laws of this State with the new federal standard articulated in *Counterman v. Colorado*, 600 U.S. 66 (2023), by specifying that, for an actor to commit "abuse" within the meaning of the protection from abuse laws based on the content of the actor's speech or for an actor to commit the crime of terrorizing, domestic violence terrorizing, stalking, domestic violence stalking or harassment by telephone based on the content of the actor's speech, the actor must have consciously disregarded a substantial risk that the actor's speech would place a reasonable person in fear of bodily injury.

Public Law 2023, chapter 519 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 6, 2024.

LD 2090 An Act to Modernize and Consolidate Certain Court Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 684 authorizes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue additional securities, in an amount not to exceed \$205,000,000, to fund projects for court facilities in Androscoggin, Hancock and Somerset counties.