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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 2054 An Act to Exclude Certain Operating Under the Influence Crimes from the Immunity Provisions That Are Triggered When Law Enforcement Is Called for a Suspected Overdose**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 507 adds operating under the influence and operating or attempting to operate a watercraft, snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle under the influence to the list of crimes that do not qualify for immunity from arrest, prosecution and certain revocation and termination proceedings when assistance has been requested for a suspected drug-related overdose.

### **LD 2071 Resolve, to Fill All Vacant and Expired Seats on the Emergency Medical Services' Board**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 154 requires the Governor, within 30 days of its effective date, to appoint members to the Emergency Medical Services' Board to fill all vacancies and replace those members whose terms have expired.

Resolve 2023, chapter 154 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 26, 2024.

### **LD 2094 Resolve, to Require the Establishment of a Stakeholder Group to Examine and Improve the Recruitment, Retention and Wellness of Law Enforcement Officers**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 165 requires the Department of Public Safety to convene a stakeholder group to examine and propose long-term solutions to incentivize and encourage the recruitment, retention and mental and physical wellness of law enforcement officers. The stakeholder group must consist of several members representing the department, active and retired law enforcement officers, State troopers, mental health providers, secondary and postsecondary educational institutions, police chiefs and county sheriffs. The stakeholder group must develop a report, including any suggested legislation, and the department must submit the report to the joint standing committee of the legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters by January 2, 2025. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.