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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 2148 An Act to Expand Direct Shipment Reporting and to Allow for the Use of Fulfillment Providers for the Direct Shipment of Wine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 604 makes the following changes to the laws governing the direct shipment of wine.

1. It adds a definition of “fulfillment provider.”
2. It provides that fulfillment providers must be registered with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations in order to ship wine on behalf of a direct shipper to recipients in this State.
3. It provides that direct shippers, fulfillment providers and common carriers must report quarterly to the bureau.
4. It establishes record retention requirements for direct shippers, fulfillment providers and common carriers.
5. It requires that a shipping label specifically indicate the residence address of the recipient.
6. It clarifies that wine shipped under the laws governing the direct shipment of wine must have been produced by or for the direct shipper, owned by the direct shipper or sold under the winery name of the direct shipper in accordance with the direct shipper's federal basic wine manufacturing permit.

Public Law 2023, chapter 604 also directs the bureau to examine data related to the direct shipment of wine in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the regulations related to compliance and enforcement and to submit a report no later than February 1, 2026 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverage matters, which may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 2178 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 20: Rules for the Licensure of Adult Use Cannabis Establishments, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 179 does not authorize final adoption of Chapter 20: Rules for the Licensure of Adult Use Cannabis Establishments, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of cannabis policy that was submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375,

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subchapter 2-A. The resolve does not restrict the Legislature's authority to use another legislative instrument to approve all or part of Chapter 20.

Resolve 2023, chapter 179 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 24, 2024.

LD 2185 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 2: Medical Use of Cannabis Program Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 168 does not authorize final adoption of Chapter 2: Medical Use of Cannabis Program Rule, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of cannabis policy that was submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Resolve 2023, chapter 168 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2024.

LD 2186 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 30: Compliance Rules for Adult Use Cannabis Establishments, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 180 does not authorize final adoption of Chapter 30: Compliance Rules for Adult Use Cannabis Establishments, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of cannabis policy that was submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The resolve does not restrict the Legislature's authority to use another legislative instrument to approve all or part of Chapter 30.

Resolve 2023, chapter 180 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 24, 2024.