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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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Prior to taking any of the above-listed actions, a municipality or the commission must provide the owner and any occupant with written notice of the violation and 10 days within which to remove, abate or otherwise correct the violation.

The law also requires persons selling property to disclose any actual or alleged violations of shoreland zoning statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations.

LD 2102 An Act to Support Municipalities by Repealing the Law Limiting the Municipal Property Tax Levy

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 603 repeals the law limiting the municipal property tax levy.

LD 2150 An Act to Require Constitutional Officers to Complete Harassment Training

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 545 requires the Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and the Attorney General to attend and complete an annual course of in-person education and training regarding harassment, including, but not limited to, sexual and racial harassment.

LD 2152 An Act to Allow Equitable Compensation of Certain Board Members

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 665 allows members of boards and commissions currently excluded from compensation under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12002-D, to be compensated if the department or agency associated with the board or commission has sufficient funds. Compensation may not exceed the legislative per diem and is only available to members not otherwise compensated for their time serving on the board or commission by their employer or the entity they represent.

LD 2201 An Act Regarding the Placement of Portable Toilets

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 614 allows a person not subject to regulation under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 562 to place and use a temporary portable toilet as long as the temporary portable toilet is maintained and serviced in a reasonable manner to protect the public's health and safety and the environment. It clarifies that the Department of Health and Human Services may

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adopt routine technical rules providing for the inspection of portable toilets for persons subject to regulation under Title 22, chapter 562.

LD 2222 An Act Establishing a State Calendar for the State of Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 569 requires the Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, to establish a state calendar that includes important religious days and holidays of residents of the state and citizens of the United States. The calendar is intended to assist state agencies when scheduling public events. No new paid holidays are established for public or private employees.

Beginning April 15, 2034, and every 10 years thereafter, the Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, must update the calendar every 10 years in consultation with persons representing the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faith communities, other religious traditions practicing in the State, immigrants in the State, the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations and the federally recognized Indian nations, tribes and bands located in the State.

LD 2228 An Act to Establish the Wabanaki Veterans Memorial

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 606 requires the State House and Capitol Park Commission to develop and implement a memorial to honor the Wabanaki's defense and protection of their homelands and their service in the United States Armed Forces. The memorial must be in Capitol Park, must fit within the plan for Capitol Park and is subject to available funding for the park.

LD 2241 An Act to Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 607 eliminates the following boards and commissions that either failed to file an annual report with the Secretary of State in both 2022 and 2023 or filed a report that indicated the board or commission was inactive during 2022 and 2023: the Advisory Committee on Fair Competition with Private Enterprise; the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Council; the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering, and its board of trustees; and the Advisory Committee on Medical Education.