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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 2065 An Act to Amend Maine’s Aquaculture Leasing Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 564 amends the laws governing the aquaculture leasing process in the following ways.

1. It eliminates provisions that are no longer applicable regarding operations that were in effect prior to January 1, 1994.
2. It specifies that the demonstration of financial and technical capabilities at the time of lease application is a preliminary determination.
3. It amends the notice requirement for standard lease applications to the general public to specify that notice must be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the State affected and by any other manner considered appropriate by the Department of Marine Resources at least 30 days before the hearing.
4. It increases from five to 10 the number of persons required to request a hearing on a lease renewal or a limited-purpose lease application.
5. It increases from 14 to 30 the number of days during which comments may be provided on a lease transfer.
6. It creates a process by which a person who holds a limited-purpose lease may apply to convert that lease into a standard lease, as long as it is for the same lease area and operations that were authorized by the limited-purpose lease.

LD 2208 An Act Removing the Lobster Advisory Council from the State Government Evaluation Act Review Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 511 removes the Lobster Advisory Council from the list of agencies scheduled for a review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters under the State Government Evaluation Act.