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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 2168 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 355: Coastal Sand Dune Rules, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 130 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 355: Coastal Sand Dune Rules, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that was submitted for legislative review.

Resolve 2023, chapter 130 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective February 29, 2024.

### **LD 2227 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 80: Reduction of Toxics in Packaging, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2023, chapter 147 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 80: Reduction of Toxics in Packaging, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that was submitted for legislative review outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

Resolve 2023, chapter 147 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 25, 2024.

### **LD 2253 An Act to Authorize a Stop-work Order Regarding an Activity That Is Creating an Immediate and Substantial Adverse Impact to a Protected Natural Resource**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2023, chapter 623 authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to issue a stop-work order whenever the Commissioner of Environmental Protection finds that an activity is being performed in a manner that violates state environmental protection laws or rules or the terms or conditions of a license, permit or order issued by the Board of Environmental Protection or the department and that the activity is creating an immediate and substantial adverse impact to a protected natural resource. The law provides similar enforcement authority to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission with respect to activities under its jurisdiction that are creating an immediate and substantial adverse impact to a protected natural resource.