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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 2164 An Act to Establish the Maine-Island of Ireland Trade Commission and Improve Collaboration with the Island of Ireland

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 616 establishes the Maine-Island of Ireland Trade Commission to promote cooperation between the State and the island of Ireland.

LD 2244 An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles' Motor Vehicle Dealer Display Area and Licensing Requirements Working Group

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 571 amends the motor vehicle laws regarding motor vehicle dealers by reducing the minimum size of the improved display area from 5,000 to 3,500 square feet for a building in the definition of "established place of business."

LD 2265 An Act to Implement Recommendations Resulting from the State Government Evaluation Act Review of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 625 establishes the position of Deputy Commissioner within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation and provides emergency authority to the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to take certain actions when a state of emergency is declared. The position of Deputy Commissioner replaces the position of Assistant to the Commissioner.

LD 2289 Resolve, to Establish an Automotive Right to Repair Working Group

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 171 directs the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee to convene an automotive right to repair working group. The working group shall develop recommendations for legislation to establish an entity to ensure cyber-secure access to motor vehicle-generated data to owners and owner-authorized independent repair facilities for maintenance, diagnostic and repair purposes. On or before February 28, 2025, the Attorney General shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters a report containing the findings and recommendations of the working group. The committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.