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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 127th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i>	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i>	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i>	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted private & special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted public law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of finally passed resolve</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature is October 15, 2015. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

**LD 43 An Act To Specify That Theft by Deception Includes False Claims
Regarding Military Service**

PUBLIC 21

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARRIN CYRWAY	OTP-AM	H-21

This bill creates the criminal offense of false claims of military service status, which is a Class E crime. A person is guilty of a false claim of military service status if, with the intent to solicit aid, sell or attempt to sell property or otherwise solicit an amount of more than \$10, the person falsely claims to be a veteran or member of the Armed Forces of the United States or a state military force, falsely claims to have served in any war or conflict in which the United States was engaged or orally, in writing or by wearing a military decoration or rank, falsely claims to have been awarded the military decoration or rank.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-21)

This amendment replaces the bill. It specifies that theft by deception includes a person claiming falsely that the person is a veteran or a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or a state military force. It also provides that upon request by a law enforcement officer or a prosecutor, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services may release information regarding a person's military service for the purposes of investigating alleged false claims of service or decoration awarded for service in the Armed Forces of the United States or a state military force.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 21 specifies that theft by deception includes a person claiming falsely that the person is a veteran or a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or a state military force. The law also provides that upon request by a law enforcement officer or a prosecutor, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services may release information regarding a person's military service for the purposes of investigating alleged false claims of service or decoration awarded for service in the Armed Forces of the United States or a state military force.

**LD 54 Resolve, To Ensure Notification to the Public of the Location in Maine
of Persons Convicted in Foreign Countries of Crimes Relating to the
Sexual Abuse of a Child**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAKER DIAMOND	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Attorney General to convene a task force that includes members of the Maine Sheriffs' Association, members of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association and the Attorney General to develop a procedure for notifying affected members of the public of the location in this State of a person who was convicted in a foreign country of a crime relating to the sexual abuse of a child that, if committed in this State, would subject a person to inclusion on this State's sex offender registry. It provides that the task force may consider information provided by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police. It directs the Attorney General to submit a report of the task force's findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by December 2, 2015 and allows the committee to report out a bill related to the report of the task force to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.