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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 Transportation

LD 55 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Transportation To Name the RESOLVE 3
Interstate 95 Rest Area in Hampden the Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain
Rest Area

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VEROW DILL	OTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to designate the rest area in Hampden on Interstate 95 North at mile marker 176 the Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Rest Area.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 3 directs the Department of Transportation to designate the rest area in Hampden on Interstate 95 north at mile marker 176 the Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Rest Area.

LD 66 Resolve, Naming the Bridges That Span the Machias River in Machias RESOLVE 4
the Jeremiah O'Brien Memorial Bridges

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUELL BURNS	OTP-AM	H-3

This resolve names the three bridges that span the Machias River in the Town of Machias as the Jeremiah O'Brien Memorial Bridge, after the Revolutionary War naval hero.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-3)

This amendment makes a technical correction to the resolve.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 4 names the three bridges that span the Machias River in the Town of Machias as the Jeremiah O'Brien Memorial Bridges, after the Revolutionary War naval hero.

LD 73 An Act To Increase Weight Allowances for Farm Trucks ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK SAVIELLO	ONTP	

This bill raises the maximum allowable weight for farm trucks to 100,000 pounds.

LD 78 An Act Regarding Limitations on Certain Storm Water Fees PUBLIC 310

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY LAJOIE	OTP-AM	S-4