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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 127<sup>th</sup> 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.

*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 First Regular Session of the 127<sup>th</sup> 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 Health and Human Services*

make an inquiry, to review information and to refer a matter to the Attorney General if the department finds that a person has misused a child's identity for household, business or commercial purposes. The bill requires the department to report by April 1st each year to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the results of child identity inquiries, reviews of information and referrals.

**LD 266      An Act To Allow Access for Law Enforcement Officers to the List of      ONTP**  
**Registered Primary Caregivers for Medical Marijuana Patients**

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

This bill permits disclosure of the Department of Health and Human Services' list of registered caregivers for medical marijuana patients to a law enforcement official in order to allow the law enforcement official to rule out a registered primary caregiver when verifying reports of criminal activity.

**LD 274      Resolve, To Direct the Department of Health and Human Services To      Died Between**  
**Address the Growing Deficit in Room and Board Allowances Paid to      Houses**  
**Agencies Providing Residential Services to Adults with Intellectual**  
**Disabilities or Autism**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNSWORTH HASKELL	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill requires the Office of Aging and Disability Services within the Department of Health and Human Services to identify the cost to the General Fund to ensure full funding of room and board costs incurred by agencies providing residential support to individuals with intellectual disabilities or autistic disorder served under MaineCare.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-131)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**LD 292      An Act To Require Hospitals To Allow Patients To Provide Their Own      ONTP**  
**Medications**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PATRICK PETERSON	ONTP	

This bill provides a process by which a patient admitted to a hospital or on observation status in a hospital may request and obtain approval to provide the patient's own medication while in the hospital.