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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 312 An Act To Allow the Sale of Unregulated Farm-produced Dairy Products at the Site of Production

Died Between Houses

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

This bill facilitates the direct sales of dairy products that are sold on the same farm on which the product is produced by exempting those sales from state licensing and inspection requirements if certain conditions are met.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-408)

This amendment, which is the minority report, replaces the bill. The amendment establishes a framework for the direct sale of unpasteurized milk and unpasteurized milk products at the milk production facility at which the product is produced by exempting those sales from state licensing and inspection requirements if certain conditions are met.

Specifically, this amendment:

1. Establishes the conditions that must be met before receiving an exemption;
2. Establishes labeling requirements for unpasteurized milk and unpasteurized milk products;
3. Reaffirms that all off-farm sales and wholesale transactions for unpasteurized milk and unpasteurized milk products are required to comply with the state licensing and permit requirements;
4. Establishes that heat-treated cheese must be produced in a licensed and inspected facility; and
5. Defines the term "milk production facility" and replaces the terms "dairy" or "dairy farm" with "milk production facility" in the relevant chapter of law.

LD 316 An Act To Provide a Waiver of Short-term Camping Fees at State-owned Parks, Camping Areas and Beaches for Members of Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in the State

ONTP

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

This bill waives camping fees for the once-a-year, overnight stay of a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe in the State, as well as any family member of the tribal member who is with the tribal member, at any one state-owned park, camping area or beach.