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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 Health and Human Services

This bill allows Meals on Wheels to be reimbursed under the MaineCare program. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for the necessary waivers or state plan amendments from the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. It allows those persons who are currently eligible to receive home-delivered meals from Meals on Wheels under department rule but would not otherwise be eligible for the MaineCare program to continue to receive meals.

LD 473 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services To Jointly Adopt Rules To Protect Children's Health Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HYMANSON GRATWICK		

This resolve directs the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services to jointly amend their rules on immunization requirements for schoolchildren to establish requirements for what are commonly known as Tdap and meningitis vaccinations before the start of school year 2016-2017.

LD 474 An Act To Improve Access to Dental Care in Maine ONTP

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

This bill provides MaineCare coverage for dental services including diagnostic and preventive services to pregnant and postpartum women and dental services necessary to avoid more costly medical or dental care as identified by a stakeholder group. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide information concerning adult dental benefits to adult MaineCare members and providers. It requires the department to adopt rules relating to the dental coverage by October 1, 2015.

The substance of this bill was incorporated into the majority amendment for LD 860.

LD 475 Resolve, To Increase MaineCare Services for Certain Recipients To Allow Them To Remain at Home CARRIED OVER

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

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter 101, Chapter II, Section 29: Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder, by April 1, 2015, to increase the combined annual limit for service reimbursement to \$47,550 from the current limit of \$23,771.

This resolve was carried over to any special or regular session of the 127th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 992.