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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.

<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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted private &amp; 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 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development*

**LD 486 An Act To Require Adequate Rest Breaks for Employees**

**ONTP**

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

This bill repeals a provision of law exempting businesses with fewer than three employees on duty at any one time, when the nature of the work allows for frequent breaks, from having to provide employees 30-minute breaks for every six hours worked.

**LD 487 An Act To Provide for an Increase in the Minimum Wage**

**ONTP**

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

This bill raises the minimum wage to \$8.00 per hour beginning October 1, 2015, \$9.00 per hour beginning January 1, 2017 and \$10.00 per hour beginning January 1, 2018, and it requires the minimum hourly wage to be adjusted for inflation on January 1st of each year, beginning January 1, 2019.

**LD 488 An Act To Expand the Scope of Practice for Denturists**

**PUBLIC 155**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW	OTP-AM	H-130 H-169 HERBIG

This bill allows denturists to take x-rays and fit any removable dental prostheses, with the exception of orthodontic appliances.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-130)**

This amendment removes provisions of the bill that allow denturists to take x-rays and fit removable prostheses, with the exception of orthodontic appliances, and instead authorizes a licensed denturist to make, place and repair nonorthodontic removable sports mouth guards and provide teeth whitening services.

**House Amendment "A" (H-169)**

This amendment removes the provision in the bill that provides that the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 16 does not apply to practice by a licensed denturist and it removes the provision in current law that provides that Title 32, chapter 16 does not apply to practice by an independent practice dental hygienist. This amendment provides that practice by a licensed independent practice dental hygienist or a licensed denturist is not a violation of the laws governing the licensing of dentists.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2015, chapter 155 authorizes a licensed denturist to make, place and repair nonorthodontic removable sports mouth guards and provide teeth whitening services. The law also makes a technical statutory correction that clarifies that practice by a licensed independent practice dental hygienist or a licensed denturist is not a violation of the laws governing the licensing of dentists.