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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 Veterans and Legal Affairs

**LD 635 An Act To Allow B.Y.O.B. Function Permit Holders To Hold Multiple
Events at the Same Location**

PUBLIC 106

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILL TIPPING-SPITZ	OTP-AM ONTP	S-75

This bill authorizes a person who has been issued a B.Y.O.B. function permit from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to hold multiple functions over a period of two calendar years as long as the bureau is provided notice at least 24 hours prior to each function. The bill also provides that a B.Y.O.B. function may be held outside of established premises, including but not limited to open space and parking lots adjacent to a facility where sporting events take place.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-75)

This amendment replaces the bill and is the majority report of the committee. The amendment provides that a B.Y.O.B. permit holder may be issued a 12-month permit that allows for multiple events over that period as long as the events are held at the same location. The bill allows a two-year permit and provides that a B.Y.O.B. function may be held outside of the established premises.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 106 provides that a B.Y.O.B. permit holder may be issued a 12-month permit that allows for multiple events over that period as long as the events are held at the same location.

**LD 677 An Act To Amend the Election Laws Concerning Candidates and
Nominees**

ONTP

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

This bill makes changes to the laws governing the withdrawal and replacement of candidates for an office other than United States Senator, Representative to Congress or Governor. It amends the requirements that must be met in order for a political committee to make a replacement nomination. It requires notification of a meeting to name a replacement candidate and it requires that a minimum of five residents of the electoral district who are members of the political party making the replacement attend the meeting.

**LD 678 An Act Concerning the Ability of On-premises Liquor Licensees To
Dispense Liquor in Sealed Refillable Containers**

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

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

This bill allows on-premises retail liquor licensees to dispense liquor from kegs into sealable refillable containers for resale.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-205)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, provides for specific conditions that must be met in