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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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

one of the boards, but may practice under the supervision of either an osteopathic physician or an allopathic physician. Chapter 242 allows both boards to jointly adopt rules governing the licensure of physician assistants.

LD 834 **An Act To Clarify the Use of "M.D." To Represent Achievement of a Graduate Degree by an Individual Not Licensed To Practice Medicine in Maine** **PUBLIC 270**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HYMANSON GRATWICK	OTP-AM ONTP	H-350

The bill enables an individual who has earned the graduate degree Doctor of Medicine to use the letters "Dr." or "M.D." prefixed or appended to that individual's name, so long as the individual is not representing to the public that the individual is licensed and authorized to practice medicine in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-350)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It allows a person who has received the doctor's degree from a reputable college or university to append the letters "M.D." to that person's name, if that person is not engaged in the practice of medicine or surgery, as long as that person's license to practice has never been revoked by the Board of Licensure in Medicine.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 270 allows a person who has received the degree "Doctor of Medicine" from a reputable college or university but who is not engaged in the practice of medicine or surgery or the treatment of a disease or human ailment, to append the letters "M.D." to that person's name, as long as that person's license to practice has never been revoked by the Board of Licensure in Medicine.

LD 843 **An Act To Raise the Minimum Wage and Index It to the National Average Wage** **ONTP**

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

This bill raises the minimum wage incrementally until it is \$12.00 per hour starting October 1, 2019, and it requires the minimum wage to be adjusted based on the increase in the national average wage index, starting October 1, 2020. It also reduces the tip credit incrementally until it is eliminated starting October 1, 2019.

LD 847 **An Act To Permit Hair Braiding without a Barbering or Cosmetology License** **PUBLIC 132
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HASKELL ROTUNDO	OTP-AM	S-82

This bill exempts hair braiding from licensure under the laws governing barbering and cosmetology.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-82)

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill. It also strikes provisions in the bill