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**STATE OF MAINE**  
127<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 869      An Act To Allow Dealers of Antique Autos To Be Open and Operate on Sundays      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUTREMBLE HICKMAN	ONTP	

This bill exempts from the law prohibiting the sale of motor vehicles on Sunday the sale of antique autos by antique auto dealers.

**LD 894      An Act Relating to Automatic Contract Renewals      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

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

This bill requires any entity who sells or provides services through an automatic renewal contract to disclose to the consumer the automatic renewal clause clearly and conspicuously in the contract, including the cancellation procedure. The bill also requires that written notice be provided to the consumer no fewer than 30 days and no more than 60 days before the cancellation deadline pursuant to the automatic renewal clause.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-184)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It excludes entities licensed or regulated under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24 or 24-A from regulation under the Automatic Contract Renewal Act enacted by the bill.

**LD 895      Resolve, Directing the Real Estate Commission To Convene a Stakeholder Group on Real Estate Licensure Requirements      Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POULIOT CUSHING	OTP-AM	H-256

This resolve establishes the Advisory Committee on Real Estate License Law to study establishing a clearinghouse to track continuing education classes and a 100-hour program of study for real estate sales agents.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-256)**

This amendment replaces the resolve. It requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Real Estate Commission to convene a stakeholder group to review the State's real estate sales agent licensure requirements to determine if additional sales agent course hours are necessary to provide for an increase in the standard of demonstrated proficiency in this industry and to review the process for establishing a clearinghouse to track continuing education classes taken by real estate sales agents. The Real Estate Commission is required to submit a report with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development. Finally, the amendment authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development to submit a bill on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.