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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

LD 905 Resolve, To Study Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine

**RESOLVE 47
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEAVERS DUTREMBLE	OTP-AM	H-204 S-334 MASON

This bill establishes an ongoing commission to review whether allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine are properly aligned with the State's public and preventive health priorities and goals and recommend adjustments to allocations as necessary. Under the bill, the commission is authorized to meet up to six times every three years when the Legislature is not in session and the commission's first report must be submitted by December 7, 2015 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. Money in the Fund for a Healthy Maine may be used to fund the activities of the commission.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-204)

This amendment replaces the bill and turns it into a resolve. The amendment directs the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to review whether allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine are properly aligned with the State's public and preventive health priorities and goals and recommend adjustments to allocations as necessary instead of creating an ongoing commission to study the allocations as in the bill. Under the amendment, the committee is authorized to meet up to six times when the Legislature is not in session and the committee's report must be submitted by December 2, 2015.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-334)

This amendment reduces the number of times the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services is authorized to meet to review allocations from the Fund for a Healthy Maine from six to four.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 47 directs the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to review whether allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine are properly aligned with the State's public and preventive health priorities and goals and recommend adjustments to allocations as necessary. The committee is authorized to meet up to four times when the Legislature is not in session and the committee's report must be submitted by December 2, 2015.

Resolve 2015, chapter 47 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 12, 2015.

LD 917 Resolve, To Improve Access to Dental Care through a Pediatric Medical Benefit

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASTRACCIO GERZOFSKY	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules in order to provide for equity between payment for preventive pediatric dental services, including fluoride varnish applications and oral evaluations, provided by medical providers at federally qualified health centers, which must be set at a rate greater than the ambulatory encounter rate used for medical providers, and payment for such services by medical providers in other settings.