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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 961 An Act To Support Tourism Development in the City of Sanford**

**ONTP**

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

This bill requires the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to establish a pilot project in the City of Sanford for tourism development including recreational tourism, experiential tourism, hotel development and theme park resort facility development by a for-profit business.

**LD 970 An Act Regarding Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Requirements**

**Died Between Houses**

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

This bill revises statutory language regarding advanced practice registered nursing. The bill provides for prescriptive authority for all four roles of advanced practice, including certified nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, certified registered nurse anesthetist and clinical nurse specialist. Currently, nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives have prescriptive authority. The bill also requires population-specific practice to prevent the proliferation of specialties within the nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist categories. The bill includes a grandfather provision.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-176)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It makes changes to the section of the bill that defines the population focus for an advanced practice registered nurse and changes the section of the bill regarding the scope of practice to allow a certified registered nurse anesthetist to prescribe schedule II, III, IIIN, IV and V prescription drugs for a supply of not more than four days to individuals with whom the certified registered nurse anesthetist has established a client or patient record.

**LD 974 An Act To Provide Compensation to a Corrections Officer Injured by a Patient or Prisoner**

**ONTP**

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

This bill provides for a supplemental benefit paid to a corrections officer who is injured by the acts of a patient or prisoner of the jail, prison or state correctional facility where the corrections officer works if the injury qualifies the corrections officer for workers' compensation benefits. The amount of the supplemental benefit is the difference between the corrections officer's workers' compensation benefits and the corrections officer's regular salary. In addition, the work time the corrections officer misses is not chargeable against available sick leave credits.