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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 Judiciary*

**LD 1005 An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Medical Examiners**

**PUBLIC 285**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOONEN	OTP	

This bill establishes terms of appointment of no more than five years for medical examiners and provides for those terms to be renewed indefinitely, in order to allow the Chief Medical Examiner to review the activity status of the medical examiners and ensure that their qualifications are updated to meet any new guidelines and office policies.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2015, chapter 285 establishes terms of appointment of no more than five years for medical examiners and provides for those terms to be renewed indefinitely, in order to allow the Chief Medical Examiner to review the activity status of the medical examiners and ensure that their qualifications are updated to meet any new guidelines and office policies.

**LD 1014 An Act To Ensure Confidentiality of Personally Identifying Information for Professional Investigators, Investigative Assistants and Dependents of Deployed Members of the Military**

**PUBLIC 295**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BURNS DION	OTP-AM	S-261

This bill makes confidential any personally identifying information of a dependent of a military member who is deployed out of state and any personally identifying information of a private investigator or investigative assistant, except for the private investigator's or investigative assistant's name and license number.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-261)**

This amendment provides that only the home address and home telephone number of a professional investigator or investigative assistant are confidential.

This amendment revises the structure of the language in the bill to clarify when personally identifying information concerning dependents of members of the United States Armed Forces or state military forces who are deployed out of state may be disclosed. It also provides that "dependent" has the same meaning as provided in 10 United States Code, Section 1072.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2015, chapter 295 makes confidential the home address and home telephone number of a professional investigator or investigative assistant as well as any personally identifying information of a dependent of a military member who is deployed out of state.

**LD 1017 An Act To Update Maine's Family Law**

**PUBLIC 296**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROSEN MOONEN	OTP-AM	S-254