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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 1076 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To RESOLVE 35
Increase Public Awareness about and Access to Federal Resources
Related to Vaccine Injuries

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'CONNOR MASON	OTP-AM	H-305

This bill establishes the Vaccine Consumer Protection Program within the Department of Health and Human Services and describes the services provided under the new program.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-305)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Department of Health and Human Services to create a link on the department's publicly accessible website to existing federal resources related to vaccine injuries, including, but not limited to, information about the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration and the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System cosponsored by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the United States Food and Drug Administration, agencies of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 35 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to create a link on the department's publicly accessible website to existing federal resources related to vaccine injuries, including, but not limited to, information about the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration and the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System cosponsored by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the United States Food and Drug Administration, agencies of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

LD 1077 An Act To Ensure Access to Public Health Nursing Care and Child and ONTP
Maternal Health Nursing Care in Washington County

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BURNS TUELL	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to reallocate funds to support increasing public health nursing and child and maternal health nursing capacity in rural underserved areas in Washington County in order to address health disparities rather than continuing to offer the majority of services in more urban and populated counties.

LD 1078 An Act To Preserve MaineCare Assisted Living by Providing a 4% Rate Died On
Increase to Private Nonmedical Institutions and Adult Family Care Adjournment
Homes

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BURNS SANDERSON	OTP-AM	S-168