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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 Second 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.

CARRIED OVER..... *carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature*
CON RES XXX..... *chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses*
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... *Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died*
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... *House & Senate disagreed; legislation died*
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... *defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died*
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... *action incomplete when session ended; legislation died*
EMERGENCY..... *enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment*
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or PASSAGE..... *emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote*
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... *failed to receive final majority vote*
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT..... *legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote*
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... *Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session*
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... *sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted*
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... *ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died*
INDEF PP..... *indefinitely postponed; legislation died*
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... *ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died*
P&S XXX..... *chapter # of enacted private & special law*
PUBLIC XXX..... *chapter # of enacted public law*
RESOLVE XXX..... *chapter # of finally passed resolve*
VETO SUSTAINED..... *Legislature failed to override Governor's veto*

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature is July 29, 2016. 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

for the first offense, a 12-month disqualification for the second offense and a 24-month disqualification for third and subsequent offenses. The department must initiate an administrative hearing if the department finds that a recipient of benefits has used the EBT system to purchase prohibited items and requires the notice and hearing to be conducted consistent with the department rules governing notice and hearing for an intentional program violation.

Public Law 2015, chapter 484 establishes a feasibility working group to determine options for preventing the use of the EBT system for prohibited purchases by researching, evaluating and recommending the most effective means of ensuring that EBT cards block purchases at the point of sale. The working group shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than December 15, 2016.

**LD 1149 Resolve, Directing the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention ONTP
To Report on Progress toward Meeting Healthy Maine 2020 Goals
Pertaining to Reproductive Health**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BURSTEIN C GRATWICK G | ONTP | |

This resolve was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to report by October 1, 2015 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on state-led efforts to achieve goals identified in its document "Healthy Maine 2020" pertaining to reproductive health. The report must include an explanation of failed or failing efforts to meet a goal and evidence-based strategies or recommendations on how state programs can meet the goal and a description of the State's efforts to improve the health and welfare of its citizens, including efforts to increase high school graduation rates.

LD 1209 An Act To Increase the Effectiveness of Peer Supports in the State ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| GATTINE A HASKELL A | ONTP | |

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This bill establishes a peer support services program in the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services within the Department of Health and Human Services. The bill requires each assertive community treatment team to include at least one full-time intentional peer support specialist certified by the department. "Intentional peer support specialist" is defined. The bill requires the department to appoint and convene the Intentional Peer Support Advisory Committee. It requires the department to adopt necessary rules and designates the rules as routine technical rules. It also requires the costs of intentional peer support services and the advisory committee to be met through the transfer of funding from the Mental Health - Community account and the Mental Health - Community Medicaid account and through the discontinuance of two full-time positions within the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services.