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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 Veterans and Legal Affairs

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1331 An Act To Provide Enhanced Enforcement of the Laws Governing Alcoholic Beverages

Died On Adjournment

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L CYRWAY S	OTP-AM	H-373

This bill was reported out of committee in the prior session and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table.

This bill provides a definition of "liquor inspector" and provides that the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services may require liquor inspectors to receive law enforcement training as a condition of employment. The bill also requires the director to ensure that no less than 1/3 of the liquor inspector positions under the bureau include a requirement that the liquor inspector must complete law enforcement training.

LD 1343 An Act To Increase Access to Postsecondary Education for Maine National Guard Members

Died On Adjournment

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE K WHITTEMORE R	OTP-AM	H-364

This bill was reported out of committee in the prior session and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table.

This bill provides for a tuition waiver for 100% of tuition costs at any state postsecondary education institution for qualified members of the Maine National Guard.

This bill, as amended, was incorporated into LD 1612, which was enacted as Public Law 2015, chapter 465.

LD 1461 An Act To Allow All Manufacturers Licensed by the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations To Provide Samples of Products to Retail Licensees

PUBLIC 386

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T	OTP-AM	S-353

This bill allows any person licensed as a manufacturer by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to give a retail licensee samples of malt liquor and wine. Current law restricts this practice to small breweries, small wineries and wholesalers.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-353)

The bill authorizes any person licensed as a manufacturer of malt liquor or wine by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to give a retail licensee samples of malt liquor and wine. This amendment clarifies that the authorized manufacturer is licensed to