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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

LD 1473 **Resolve, To Increase Access to Opiate Addiction Treatment in Maine**

**Died On
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOODSOME D DION M	OTP-AM	S-392

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its MaineCare rules regarding the reimbursement rate paid to outpatient opioid treatment providers to increase the rate from \$60 to \$80 a week.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-392)

This amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules to increase the reimbursement rate paid to outpatient opioid treatment providers to \$72 a week until December 31, 2017. On January 1, 2018, the reimbursement rate returns to \$60 a week although the department may choose to amend its rules to increase the reimbursement rates above the specified amounts at any time. The amendment also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with a third-party consultant to conduct a rate study of outpatient opioid treatment services that must be reported to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than December 30, 2016. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature. If the Legislature does not amend the reimbursement rate in response to the rate study or the department does not change the rate in rules, the reimbursement rate will return to \$60 per week on January 1, 2018. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 1496 **An Act To Support Maine People in Recovery**

**Died On
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAKER J LANGLEY B	OTP-AM	H-546

This bill provides funding for three new peer centers in different parts of the State to coordinate and run peer support programs to help persons in recovery from drug addiction. In order to serve populations in rural parts of the State, two of these peer centers must be located in currently underserved areas that are outside of Maine's largest cities. Funding for each peer center must be used to support the hiring of a coordinator who must support recovery group facilitation, peer mentoring and peer recovery resource connections. The peer centers may be coordinated and housed within existing health care settings, such as a rural health care center.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-546)

This amendment clarifies that peer centers established in the bill must be situated in different areas of the State as well as in underserved areas outside of Maine's largest cities. The new peer centers must be in different areas than the peer support recovery centers established pursuant to Public Law 2015, chapter 378, Part D.

The substance of this bill and amendment was incorporated in Public Law 2015, chapter 481, Part F (LD 1606).