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**STATE OF MAINE**  
127<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
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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 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.

*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 127<sup>th</sup> 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

**LD 1485 An Act To Allow the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Transfer Ownership of Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Equipment to Incorporated Nonprofit Snowmobile Clubs**

**P & S 16**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK R MASON G	OTP-AM	H-520

This bill authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, with the consent of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, to transfer ownership of state-owned snowmobile trail maintenance equipment to incorporated nonprofit snowmobile clubs for the maintenance of snowmobile trail systems that were maintained by the State before the transfer of the snowmobile trail maintenance equipment occurred.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-520)**

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. It allows the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, with the consent of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, to enter into agreements to transfer ownership of state-owned snowmobile trail maintenance equipment to incorporated nonprofit snowmobile clubs for the purpose of maintaining snowmobile trail systems that were maintained by the State prior to the effective date of the legislation. It further provides that any agreement entered into pursuant to the legislation must include provisions addressing consequences if an incorporated nonprofit snowmobile club fails to, or is otherwise unable to, abide by the terms of the agreement.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2015, chapter 16 allows the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, with the consent of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, to enter into agreements to transfer ownership of state-owned snowmobile trail maintenance equipment to incorporated nonprofit snowmobile clubs for the purpose of maintaining snowmobile trail systems that were maintained by the State prior to the effective date of the legislation.

Private and Special Law 2015, chapter 16 further provides that any agreement entered into pursuant to this legislation must include provisions addressing consequences if an incorporated nonprofit snowmobile club fails to, or is otherwise unable to, abide by the terms of the agreement.

**LD 1543 An Act To Create Stability in the Control of Pesticides**

**Died On  
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIMBERLAKE J		

This bill was not referred to committee.

This bill prohibits a municipality from adopting an ordinance that specifically applies to pesticide storage, distribution or use unless the ordinance exempts farms, nurseries and golf courses and the municipality establishes a municipal reviewing authority that is similar to the Board of Pesticides Control within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.