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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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety

**LD 62 An Act To Require Notice to Municipalities of Certain Licensing and
Registration Actions Taken by the Emergency Medical Services' Board**

PUBLIC 6

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GERRISH WOODSOME	OTP-AM	H-13

This bill provides notice to the municipal officers of a municipality when the Emergency Medical Services' Board investigates or takes action with regard to a violation of law or rule in connection with the provision of emergency medical services in the municipality. The bill provides an exception to Emergency Medical Services' Board confidentiality protections when notice is given to municipal officers.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-13)

The amendment removes from the bill the requirement of notice regarding pending investigations. It also removes the exception from confidentiality to provide that notice. It requires notice in writing to be provided to the town manager or city manager and the municipal officers within five business days of the date when the Emergency Medical Services' Board takes licensing or registration action against or issues letters of guidance or concern with regard to an ambulance service that is owned and operated by the municipality or that contracts to provide services for the municipality.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 6 requires notice in writing to be provided to the town manager or city manager and the municipal officers within five business days of the date when the Emergency Medical Services' Board takes licensing or registration action against or issues letters of guidance or concern with regard to an ambulance service that is owned and operated by the municipality or that contracts to provide services for the municipality.

**LD 69 An Act To Require Drug Testing of the Driver of a Motor Vehicle
Involved in a Fatal Accident**

**Died On
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FOWLE MCCORMICK	OTP-AM	H-25

Current law requires a law enforcement officer investigating a motor vehicle accident that has resulted in, or may result in, death to require the operator of a motor vehicle to submit to a blood test. If the investigating officer determines it to be appropriate, the officer may require that operator to also submit to a breath test or chemical test to determine the operator's alcohol level or the presence of a drug or drug metabolite.

This bill requires the investigating officer to require the operator of a motor vehicle involved in an accident that results in, or may result in, death to submit to a breath test or chemical test to determine the alcohol level or the presence of a drug or drug metabolite.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-25)

This amendment replaces the bill and requires the Department of Health and Human Services to test blood samples of the operator of a motor vehicle involved in an accident that results in, or may result in, death to determine the blood-alcohol level and the presence of any drug or drug metabolite and report the test results to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Highway Safety. This amendment delays the effective date of the bill until July 1, 2016. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.