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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 Environment and Natural Resources

LD 40 An Act To Protect Maine's Great Ponds

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	ONTP	

This bill creates a prohibition on the application of fertilizers within 50 feet of the normal high-water line of a great pond, with exceptions for persons involved in agriculture or applying fertilizer to establish or restore vegetation to stop, slow or remediate shoreline erosion or damage.

LD 70 An Act To Assist Towns in Eradicating Milfoil and Other Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE	ONTP	

This bill provides funding in fiscal years 2014-15 and 2015-16 in the amount of \$225,000 for the Lake and River Protection Fund within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and in the amount of \$900,000 for the Invasive Aquatic Plant and Nuisance Species Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection. These General Fund distributions are intended to correspond to the annual average funds deposited into each of these accounts representing fees collected on motorboat and personal watercraft lake and river protection stickers issued pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 13058, subsection 3. Pursuant to statute, these funds are used by each department to engage in activities relating to the containment, eradication and management of the spread of invasive aquatic plants and nuisance species in Maine, to assist municipalities and other entities in accomplishing these goals and to aid in the enforcement of laws and rules pertaining to invasive aquatic plants and nuisance species.

LD 85 An Act To Prohibit Synthetic Plastic Microbeads in Personal Care Products and Over-the-counter Drugs

PUBLIC 4

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	OTP	

This bill establishes dates after which the manufacture for sale or acceptance for sale of personal care products containing synthetic plastic microbeads is prohibited. It also establishes dates after which the manufacture for sale or acceptance for sale of an over-the-counter drug containing synthetic plastic microbeads is prohibited.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 4 establishes dates after which the manufacture for sale or acceptance for sale of personal care products containing synthetic plastic microbeads is prohibited. It also establishes dates after which the manufacture for sale or acceptance for sale of an over-the-counter drug containing synthetic plastic microbeads is prohibited.