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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 Health and Human Services

system.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 104 allows both the municipal clerk that issued a marriage license and the clerk from the municipality where the marriage occurred to issue a certified copy of the marriage certificate electronically using the State's registration system.

LD 140

An Act To Expand Access To Lifesaving Opioid Overdose Medication

PUBLIC 351

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BECK GRATWICK	OTP-AM ONTP	H-248 H-278 BECK

This bill allows for the prescription of naloxone hydrochloride by standing order. It allows for the prescription of naloxone hydrochloride to friends of and other persons in a position to assist an individual at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose in addition to immediate family members. It provides for immunity from civil and criminal liability for the prescription and administration of naloxone hydrochloride for prescribers and those who administer the drug. It creates a limited immunity from criminal prosecution for those who seek medical assistance when a person is experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-248)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, retains the provisions from the bill that allow for the prescription of naloxone hydrochloride by standing order and allow for the prescription of naloxone hydrochloride to friends of and other persons in a position to assist an individual at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose, in addition to immediate family members as currently permitted in law. Like the bill, it creates a limited immunity from criminal prosecution for those who seek medical assistance when a person is experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose. The amendment also allows for the prescription of naloxone hydrochloride by standing order to a public health agency operating an overdose prevention program in accordance with rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services. The amendment provides immunity from civil or criminal prosecution to persons acting on behalf of an overdose prevention program for providing education on opioid-related drug overdose prevention or for purchasing, acquiring, distributing or possessing naloxone hydrochloride unless the person's actions constitute recklessness, gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-278)

This amendment removes the provisions of Committee Amendment "A" that provide limited immunity from criminal prosecution for those who seek medical assistance when a person is experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose and the immunity from civil or criminal prosecution for providing education on opioid-related drug overdose prevention or for purchasing, acquiring, distributing or possessing naloxone hydrochloride unless the person's actions constitute recklessness, gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 351 allows for the prescription of naloxone hydrochloride by standing order. It allows for the prescription of naloxone hydrochloride to friends of and other persons in a position to assist an individual at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose in addition to immediate family members. It also allows for the prescription of naloxone hydrochloride by standing order to a public health agency operating an overdose prevention program in accordance with rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services.