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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 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.

<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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted private &amp; 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 127<sup>th</sup> 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*

This bill was not referred to a committee.

**LD 307      An Act To Amend the Shoreland Zoning Laws To Exempt Certain Walkways and Trails from Setback Requirements**

**PUBLIC 11**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUTREMBLE FECTEAU	OTP-AM	S-6

This bill exempts the construction of a walkway or trail from certain water and wetland setback requirements if the walkway or trail will be adjacent to a segment of a river located within a downtown revitalization project and the walkway or trail meets other specified requirements.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-6)**

This amendment changes the headnote to indicate that the exemption from setback requirements proposed in the bill is available only for walkways and trails over rivers within a downtown revitalization project. The amendment also extends the exemption to privately owned walkways or trails.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2015, chapter 11 exempts the construction of a walkway or trail from certain water and wetland setback requirements if the walkway or trail will be adjacent to a segment of a river located within a downtown revitalization project and the walkway or trail meets other specified requirements.

**LD 313      An Act To Create a Sustainable Solution to the Handling, Management and Disposal of Solid Waste in the State**

**CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill, which is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes to implement recommendations from the Department of Environmental Protection relating to solid waste handling, management and disposal issues identified in a letter dated March 24, 2014 to the department from the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Specifically, this bill would enact measures designed to:

1. Provide incentives for and encourage the increased use of methods of source reduction, reuse, recycling and composting as a means of achieving the state-mandated recycling goal of 50 percent under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 2132, together with a method for accurately measuring future achievements toward that goal;
2. Achieve economic stabilization of the three existing waste-to-energy facilities in the State by January 1, 2016, with options for funding that stabilization;
3. Develop a plan to minimize the need for future expansion of landfill capacity in Maine, including state-owned landfills;
4. Identify additional strategies to increase the beneficial use of waste materials, particularly where there are potential economic benefits to be derived from these materials; and
5. Develop other components of an overall comprehensive implementation plan necessary and appropriate to better