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**STATE OF MAINE**  
127<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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.

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| <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 Veterans and Legal Affairs*

**LD 298      An Act To Require Political Action Committees To Report the Receipt of Paid Services Received from State Agencies      Veto Sustained**

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

Under current law, when nonprofit corporations or commercial entities compensate their employees to provide services to a political action committee, the committee is required to report the services as a contribution. The bill requires that political action committees also report the receipt of services paid for by state agencies.

**LD 334      An Act To Improve the Maine Clean Election Act      ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| DEVIN<br>JOHNSON  | ONTP                    |                           |

This bill prohibits a person certified as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate seeking election to the State Senate or State House of Representatives from establishing a political action committee or serving as a fund-raiser or principal decision maker for a political action committee unless the political action committee is established to provide the person with professional development, networking and educational opportunities related to work that person may perform as a legislator. The bill also sets limits on how much money may be raised for such a political action committee.

**LD 364      An Act To Allow a Sales Representative To Serve Alcoholic Beverages at a Tasting Event      PUBLIC 129 EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MALABY<br>LANGLEY | OTP-AM<br>ONTP          | H-175<br>H-185 MALABY     |

This bill repeals the prohibition on a sales representative's pouring or distributing distilled spirits or wine at a tasting event.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-175)**

This amendment replaces the bill and is the majority report of the committee. The amendment provides that a licensed sales representative may pour samples of spirits, wine or malt liquor at a taste-testing event that has been authorized by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations at an on-premise retail licensee's establishment, an agency liquor store or an off-premise retail licensee's establishment. Under the amendment, when a retailer requests authority to conduct a taste-testing event, the request must indicate whether a licensed sales representative will be participating by pouring samples and verification that the sales representative has successfully completed an alcohol server education course approved by the commissioner.

**House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-185)**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the amendment.

**Enacted Law Summary**