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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 Insurance and Financial Services

LD 384

Resolve, To Study the Design and Implementation of Options for a Universal Health Care Plan in the State That Is in Compliance with the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRATWICK TUCKER	OTP-AM ONTP	S-89

This resolve expresses the Legislature's intent that all Maine residents have access to and coverage for affordable, quality health care. The resolve requires the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters to solicit the services of one or more consultants to propose design options for creating a universal system of health care in the State. The resolve requires the consultant or consultants to submit a report by December 2, 2016 containing at least three design options that comply with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The resolve includes a provision requiring the State Controller to transfer \$100,000 from the state innovation model grant received by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on or before June 30, 2016 to fund the study required by the resolve. If funds exceeding \$100,000 are received from other public and private sources before December 1, 2016, the resolve requires that the money be transferred back to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-89)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and replaces the resolve. As in the resolve, the amendment expresses the Legislature's intent that all Maine residents have access to and coverage for affordable, quality health care.

The amendment establishes the Independent Advisory Committee with 11 members to solicit and oversee the services of one or more consultants to propose design options for creating a universal system of health care in the State. The amendment requires the consultant or consultants to draft design options by August 1, 2018. Following a public comment period, the amendment requires the advisory committee to submit a final report proposing adoption of one of the design options to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters by December 5, 2018. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters may report out a bill based on the advisory committee's report to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature. Preliminary progress reports must be filed by the advisory committee by January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017.

The amendment requires the Independent Advisory Committee to apply for and receive funds from public and private sources to support its activities up to a maximum amount of \$300,000.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 449

An Act Regarding the Payment of Commissions by Car Rental Companies

ONTP

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

This bill allows motor vehicle rental companies to pay commissions to employees selling insurance.