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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.

<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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety*

**LD 458**      **An Act To Implement a Motor Vehicle Violation Electronic Citation Program**      **ONTP**

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

This bill requires every law enforcement officer in the State to use an electronic Violation Summons and Complaint form if requested by the person who has been served a traffic summons. The Chief Judge of the District Court is required to approve for use an electronic Violation Summons and Complaint.

The bill also requires both the paper and electronic forms for a traffic summons for a traffic infraction, referred to as the Violation Summons and Complaint, to include the regular mailing address and the e-mail address of the person who has been served the traffic summons. The bill also requires that the clerk of the District Court Violations Bureau enter the paper form of a Violation Summons and Complaint into the violations bureau's case management system within two business days of the law enforcement officer's filing of the original of the Violation Summons and Complaint.

The bill also requires that the Chief Judge of the District Court provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters no later than January 15, 2017 regarding implementation of an electronic case management, data storage and filing system for the judicial branch. The bill provides that the report must summarize efficiencies realized by electronic processing of traffic summonses within the District Court Violations Bureau. The bill also requires the Chief Judge of the District Court and the Commissioner of Public Safety to facilitate the roadside credit card payment of traffic summonses for traffic infractions and to develop and initiate a campaign to educate the public about electronic Violations Summonses and Complaints and roadside credit card payment.

**LD 459**      **An Act To Protect the Environment from Fireworks Debris**      **Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAJOIE LIBBY	OTP ONTP	

This bill adds debris from the discharge of consumer fireworks to the definition of "litter" under the Maine Litter Control Act.

**LD 460**      **An Act To Restore Liability Insurance Requirements for Amusement Rides and Other Public Exhibitions**      **ONTP**

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

Public Law 2013, chapter 595 repealed the law requiring a traveling circus, traveling amusement show or amusement device to apply to the Commissioner of Public Safety for a license. This bill reenacts that law, including the provision that the application contain a certificate of public liability insurance and a fee.