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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 Veterans and Legal Affairs

auditorium. The bill also requires the bureau to establish a required training program for persons who serve or sell alcoholic beverages.

The bill permits a person under 18 years of age to entertain at a licensed premises while liquor is being sold or consumed if the performance takes place in a civic auditorium, Class A restaurant, club or hotel dining room and the person is a member of an entertainment performance group.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-61)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment clarifies that a license to serve alcoholic beverages under a civic auditorium license may be issued to the owner of the auditorium, a contracted operator or the vendor who provides alcoholic beverages to patrons of the auditorium.

The amendment, like the bill, repeals the requirement that a civic auditorium provide at least 24 hours' notice prior to holding any event where alcoholic beverages will be served. The amendment also provides for a definition of "club suite" and establishes limitations under which spirits may be sold in original containers for service within the suite, including a limit of six containers of spirits products. Finally, the amendment directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to amend rules governing the presence of persons 18 years of age or younger at a venue where they are part of a performance group providing entertainment where alcoholic beverages may be sold.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 101 provides that a license to serve alcoholic beverages under a civic auditorium license may be issued to the owner of the auditorium, a contracted operator or the vendor who provides alcoholic beverages to patrons of the auditorium. It repeals the requirement that a civic auditorium provide at least 24 hours' notice prior to holding any event where alcoholic beverages will be served. Chapter 101 also provides for a definition of "club suite" and establishes limitations under which spirits may be sold in original containers for service within the suite, including a limit of six containers of spirits products. Finally, this law directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to amend rules governing the presence of persons 18 years of age or younger at a venue where they are part of a performance group providing entertainment where alcoholic beverages may be sold.

LD 532

An Act To Prohibit Maine Clean Election Act Candidates from Accepting Special Interest Money through a Political Party or Political Action Committee

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRAKEY VALENTINO	ONTP	

This bill prohibits a certified candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act from establishing a political action committee of which the person is a principal officer, fund-raiser or decision maker. A certified candidate is also prohibited from acting as a decision maker for a party committee with regard to independent expenditures in support of the election or defeat of a candidate for Governor, State Senate or State House of Representatives.