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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 Environment and Natural Resources

LD 596 **An Act To Allow for the Purchase and Use of Specialty Racing Fuel in Maine** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CUSHING WARD	ONTP	

This bill allows gasoline containing more than half of one percent by volume methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) to be sold for or used by a motor vehicle in a race, as long as the gasoline containing MTBE is sold and distributed in prepackaged drums, pails or other containers.

LD 602 **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Prohibition on the Sale of Motor Fuel Containing Corn-based Ethanol** **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIMBERLAKE MASON	ONTP OTP-AM	

Current law provides that the prohibition on the sale of motor fuel containing corn-based ethanol does not take effect until at least 10 other states or a number of states with a collective population of 30,000,000 have enacted laws that prohibit the sale of motor fuel containing corn-based ethanol. This bill amends the law to provide that this prohibition takes effect if at least three other states have enacted laws that prohibit the sale of motor fuel containing corn-based ethanol.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-79)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, provides that the prohibition on the sale of motor fuel containing corn-based ethanol does not take effect until at least three of the other New England states, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, have enacted laws that prohibit the sale of motor fuel containing corn-based ethanol.

LD 603 **An Act To Achieve Regional Uniformity in Sulfur Standards for Heating Oil** **PUBLIC 66**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIMBERLAKE MASON	OTP-AM	H-47

This bill delays by six months the implementation of the statewide prohibition on the use of any but ultra low sulfur distillate fuel.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-47)

This amendment replaces the bill, retaining the six-month delay on the implementation of the statewide prohibition on the use of any but ultra low sulfur distillate fuel, but clarifying that the prohibition applies to the importation, distribution and offering for sale, rather than the use, of any but ultra low sulfur distillate fuel. The amendment also incorporates the change in the implementation date and the prohibition language throughout the statutory section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 66 delays by six months the implementation of the statewide prohibition on the