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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 Second 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.

CARRIED OVER..... *carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature*
CON RES XXX..... *chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses*
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... *Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died*
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... *House & Senate disagreed; legislation died*
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... *defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died*
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... *action incomplete when session ended; legislation died*
EMERGENCY..... *enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment*
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or PASSAGE..... *emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote*
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... *failed to receive final majority vote*
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT..... *legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote*
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... *Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session*
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... *sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted*
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... *ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died*
INDEF PP..... *indefinitely postponed; legislation died*
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... *ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died*
P&S XXX..... *chapter # of enacted private & special law*
PUBLIC XXX..... *chapter # of enacted public law*
RESOLVE XXX..... *chapter # of finally passed resolve*
VETO SUSTAINED..... *Legislature failed to override Governor's veto*

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature is July 29, 2016. 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 Health and Human Services

LD 622

An Act To Require Training of Mandated Reporters under the Child Abuse Laws

PUBLIC 407

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND G	OTP-AM	S-378

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This bill requires that a person in the professional categories required to report suspected child abuse or neglect must have completed mandated reporter training within the previous year before a professional license or certification for that person may be issued or renewed.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-378)

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires all mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect to complete training approved by the Department of Health and Human Services at least once every four years. Unlike the bill, the training requirement in the amendment does not affect the issuing or renewal of professional licenses.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 407 requires all mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect to complete training approved by the Department of Health and Human Services at least once every four years.

LD 633

An Act To Improve the Health of Maine Citizens and the Economy of Maine by Providing Affordable Market-based Coverage Options to Low-income Uninsured Citizens

Died On Adjournment

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO T	OTP-AM ONTP	S-487

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This bill, which is concept draft, proposes to establish an affordable market-based program to provide health insurance coverage to low-income uninsured Maine citizens who earn less than 133% of the federal poverty level. The program would be modeled after the Insure Tennessee program and the SHARE Plan program in Wyoming.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-487)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and replaces the bill. It does the following.

1. It authorizes the State to accept federal funds to provide health insurance coverage to adults with incomes equal to or below 133% plus 5% of the nonfarm income official federal poverty line. Individuals with incomes equal to or below 100% of the nonfarm income official poverty line receive coverage through the MaineCare program. Individuals with income levels over 100% of the federal poverty line and up to 138% of the federal poverty line would receive coverage through private health insurance plans, through premium assistance at the same level that would be provided through advanced premium tax credits. Individuals within this group defined as "medically frail" in accordance with 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 440.315(f) are exempt from mandatory enrollment in a private individual or group qualified health plan.
2. It requires MaineCare members with incomes over 100% and equal to or below 138% of the federal poverty line who are receiving private health coverage through a private individual or group qualified health plan to pay