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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

Public Law 2015, chapter 91 requires all health insurance carriers offering health plans to provide coverage for early refills of prescription eye drop medication under certain circumstances. An enrollee must request the refill from a carrier no earlier than the date on which 70 percent of the days of use authorized by the prescribing health care provider have elapsed.

Public Law 2015, chapter 91 applies to all policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2016.

LD 621 An Act To Improve Access to Insurance Coverage for Persons for Whom English Is a Second Language ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HASKELL STUCKEY	ONTP	

This bill permits insurance companies and producers to provide insurance policies and any explanatory or advertising material in a language other than English. This bill provides that, in the event of a dispute or complaint regarding the policy or explanatory or advertising material, the English language version of the policy or explanatory or advertising material controls the resolution of the dispute or complaint.

LD 630 An Act To Clarify the Requirements for Notice of the Right To Cure a Mortgage Default PUBLIC 36

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHITTEMORE STETKIS	OTP-AM	S-18

This bill requires that the notice of a consumer's right to cure a mortgage default include a statement that the amount due stated in the notice does not include any amounts that become due after the date of the notice. It also provides an alternative to the date by which a mortgagee must provide information to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection of three days after the expiration of the right-to-cure period.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-18)

This amendment removes the section of the bill that proposes to provide an alternative to the date by which a mortgagee must provide information to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection of three days after the expiration of the right-to-cure period.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 36 requires that the notice of a consumer's right to cure a mortgage default include a statement that the amount due stated in the notice does not include any amounts that become due after the date of the notice.

LD 636 An Act To Provide Consumers of Health Care with Information Regarding Health Care Costs PUBLIC 260

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILL SANBORN	OTP-AM	S-74