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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

order for an on-premises licensee that is not a brewery or small brewery to sell malt liquor for off-premises consumption in refillable containers. In order for a licensee to be able to sell malt liquor in refillable containers, it must offer at least 25 brands of malt liquor on tap at the licensee's establishment. It also requires that the refillable containers be unique to the licensee and may be filled only upon request of a customer with malt liquor produced by small breweries or malt liquor manufactured outside the United States.

LD 684 An Act To Amend the Authorized Hours during Which Liquor May Be Sold and Purchased

PUBLIC 74

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KINNEY J PATRICK	OTP-AM ONTP	H-60

This bill allows a holder of a liquor license to sell or deliver liquor from 5 a.m. on any day until 1 a.m. of the following day except in those areas in which liquor may not be sold on Sundays. The bill also amends sections of law that deal with the sale of liquor on Sundays to reflect this change.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-60)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, provides that vessels licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption may do so until 1 a.m. of the following day, which is consistent with the time allowed for other on-premises licensees under current law.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 74 allows a holder of a liquor license to sell or deliver liquor from 5 a.m. on any day until 1 a.m. of the following day except in those areas in which liquor may not be sold on Sundays. It also clarifies that vessels licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption may do so until 1 a.m. of the following day, which is consistent with the time allowed for other on-premises licensees under the law.

LD 693 An Act To Amend the Military Bureau Laws

PUBLIC 120

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CYRWAY LUCHINI	OTP-AM	S-97

This bill provides that records of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Military Bureau may not be disclosed to the public. It provides that the Maine Army National Guard may receive seized money and assets for counter-drug activities.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-97)

The bill adds a provision to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 15 regarding counter-drug activities by the Maine National Guard. This amendment retains that provision but moves it to Title 37-B. The amendment also strikes the provision of the bill that specifies that records of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Military Bureau may not be disclosed to the public. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 120 provides that the Maine Army National Guard may receive seized assets and money resulting from counter-drug activities for which the Maine Army National Guard provided assistance.