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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.

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2. It specifies that employees of the Bolduc Correctional Facility have the same power to search for and apprehend escapees as do deputy sheriffs.

LD 697

An Act To Restore Public Safety Programs in the Department of Public Safety

**PUBLIC 148
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAJOIE	OTP-AM	H-145
BURNS	OTP-AM	

The bill does the following:

1. Part A restores the inspection and certificate requirements for boilers located in structures used by schools or colleges for the purpose of housing classrooms, gymnasiums, auditoriums or dormitories. These provisions were discontinued by Public Law 2013, chapter 595, Part U, section 11.

2. Part B allows qualified private sector organizations or individuals to inspect amusement rides to ensure they are safe for the public. The bill assigns oversight responsibilities over the certification of qualified amusement ride inspectors to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The bill also corrects cross-references.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-145)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment deletes from the bill the provision related to inspection of steam boilers in schoolhouses. The amendment deletes from the bill reference to private certified inspectors for amusement rides and inserts inspectors employed by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The amendment deletes from the bill the provisions on inspection decals that related to inspection by private sector inspectors and inserts provisions related to inspection by inspectors who are employed by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The amendment specifies the application process for amusement rides and sets the fee at a level not to exceed \$100 per ride as established by the Commissioner of Public Safety by rule. The amendment specifies that the insurer that issues the liability insurance policy for operators of amusement rides, amusement shows and traveling circuses and amusement devices must be approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety. The amendment specifies the information required for an application for amusement rides and amusement shows.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-146)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment deletes from the bill the provision related to inspection of steam boilers in schoolhouses. The amendment deletes from the bill reference to private certified inspectors for amusement rides and inserts inspectors employed by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The amendment deletes from the bill the provisions on inspection decals that related to inspection by private sector inspectors and inserts provisions related to inspection by inspectors who are employed by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The amendment specifies the application process for amusement rides and sets the fee at a level not to exceed \$50 per ride as established by the Commissioner of Public Safety by rule. The amendment specifies that the insurer that issues the liability insurance policy for operators of amusement rides, amusement shows and traveling circuses and amusement devices must be approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety. The amendment specifies the information required for an application for amusement rides and amusement shows.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 148 specifies the application process for amusement rides and inspection process in the Office of the State Fire Marshal. It sets the fee at a level not to exceed \$100 per ride as established by the Commissioner of Public Safety by rule. It specifies that the insurer that issues the liability insurance policy for operators of amusement rides, amusement shows and traveling circuses and amusement devices must be approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety. It specifies the information required for an application for amusement rides

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and amusement shows.

Public Law 2015, chapter 148 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 9, 2015.

LD 710 An Act Providing a Good Samaritan Defense to Individuals Reporting a Drug Overdose Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DION GERZOFISKY	OTP-AM ONTP	H-237

This bill creates an affirmative defense to prosecution for unlawful possession of a scheduled drug. The bill specifies that it is an affirmative defense to prosecution that the evidence of possession was obtained as a result of the person's seeking, in good faith, medical assistance for someone experiencing a drug-related overdose or the evidence of possession was obtained as a result of the person's seeking or obtaining medical assistance for a drug-related overdose the person is experiencing. The bill also specifies that the affirmative defense is not grounds for suppression of evidence with respect to any crime.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-237)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment broadens the Good Samaritan defense provided by the bill to individuals reporting a drug overdose to apply to illegal possession of hypodermic apparatuses and use of drug paraphernalia.

**LD 729 An Act To Add Acetylfentanyl and Methylfentanyl Derivatives to the List of Schedule W Drugs PUBLIC 330
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BURNS	OTP-AM	S-145

This bill adds acetylfentanyl to the list of Schedule W drugs. Acetylfentanyl is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and is closely related to the prescription opioid fentanyl, which is a Schedule W drug.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-145)

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill. The amendment adds to the list of Schedule W drugs any methylfentanyl derivatives.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 330 adds acetylfentanyl and methylacetylfentanyl derivates to the list of Schedule W drugs. Acetylfentanyl and methylacetylfentanyl derivates are not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and are closely related to the prescription opioid fentanyl, which is a Schedule W drug.

Public Law 2015, chapter 330 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 12, 2015.