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**STATE OF MAINE**  
127<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 127<sup>th</sup> 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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted private &amp; 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 127<sup>th</sup> 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety*

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.