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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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety

LD 748

An Act To Provide for Tiered Qualifications for Volunteer Firefighters in Certain Municipalities

Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill provides that in a municipality with fewer than 2,500 permanent residents the fire chief, with the approval of the municipal officers of that municipality, may approve training for volunteer firefighters that provides for three tiers of qualifications as follows:

1. At the highest tier three firefighters;
2. At the middle tier firefighters who are trained and who are qualified to perform all firefighter services except for entry into a burning building; and
3. At the lowest tier firefighters who are trained and who are qualified to perform basic firefighter duties including, but not limited to, handling fire hoses, trucks and equipment.

LD 792

An Act To Protect Patients from Sexual Exploitation

Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAWICKI BRAKEY	ONTP OTP-AM	

Current laws regarding gross sexual assault, unlawful sexual contact and unlawful sexual touching prohibit relationships or contact by a person who is a psychiatrist, a psychologist or licensed as a social worker or a person who purports to be a psychiatrist, a psychologist or licensed as a social worker with a current patient or client. This bill amends the laws regarding gross sexual assault, unlawful sexual contact and unlawful sexual touching by adding additional medical professionals licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32 to the list of persons prohibited from having certain relationships or contact with patients and adds the definition of "health care services providers" to Title 17-A, chapter 11. "Health care services providers" includes physicians, osteopathic physicians, chiropractors, physical therapists, physician assistants and nurses.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-221)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 818

An Act To Amend the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982

PUBLIC 82

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUTREMBLE LAJOIE	OTP-AM	S-63

This bill amends the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982. Specifically, the bill: