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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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

The purpose of this bill is to eliminate any confusion that may exist under the Personal Sports Mobile Business Practices Act regarding whether the definition of "personal sports mobile," which includes all-terrain vehicles, also includes so-called side-by-sides for purposes of allowing side-by-sides to be sold by personal sports mobile dealers. This bill amends the definition of "personal sports mobile" to specifically include a side-by-side, which is a recreational off-road vehicle that features side-by-side seating for at least two persons, a steering wheel and a roll bar.

LD 767 An Act To Create Jobs in Aroostook and Washington Counties PUBLIC 368

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCELWEE EDGEComb P	OTP-AM	H-302 H-497 MARTIN J

This bill provides an exception to the Pine Tree Development Zone program employee income requirements for call centers located in Aroostook and Washington counties.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-302)

This amendment removes the provision in the bill that proposes to exempt call centers located in Aroostook and Washington counties from the Pine Tree Development Zone program employee income requirements. It also removes the aggregate weekly employment hours threshold from the definition of "call center."

House Amendment "B" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-497)

Current law requires that a qualified employee in a Pine Tree Development Zone or under the Maine Employment Tax Increment Financing Act be paid a wage greater than the annual per capita personal income in the county in which the qualified employee is employed. This amendment changes this requirement to require that such an employee in a call center in Aroostook County or Washington County be paid a weekly wage greater than the average weekly wage in certain counties. With respect to employees in call centers in Aroostook and Washington counties, in a county in which the average annual unemployment rate is greater than the state average, this wage threshold is 90 percent of the average weekly wage in certain counties. Upon approval of the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, a qualified business qualifies for a phase-in of this wage threshold.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 368 provides an exception to the Pine Tree Development Zone program employee income requirements for call centers located in Aroostook and Washington counties. Upon approval of the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, a qualified business qualifies for a phase-in of this wage threshold.

LD 768 An Act To Create a Public Option Pension System ONTP

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

This bill establishes the Maine Secure Choice Retirement Savings Trust within the Department of Labor and does the following.

1. It requires eligible employers to offer a payroll deposit retirement savings arrangement so that eligible employees can contribute a portion of their salary or wages to a retirement savings program account in the Maine Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program, also created by the bill.