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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 Second 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.

CARRIED OVER..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or PASSAGE..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature is July 29, 2016. 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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report must also include recommendations regarding the reallocation of resources for the units, the designs of the units, the provisions of forensic services at the Riverview Psychiatric Center and the units and the transfer provisions of Title 34-A, sections 3069, 3069-A and 3069-B.

LD 655 *Resolve, To Provide the Engineering Study and Planning Needed for a Statewide, Centrally Located Emergency Services Training Facility and Several Regional Training Facilities* Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAJOIE M DUTREMBLE D	OTP-AM ONTP	H-528 S-502 HAMPER J

This resolve was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This resolve directs the Department of Public Safety to hire an independent consultant to study the feasibility of establishing a statewide, centrally located firefighter training facility and several regional firefighter training facilities. The resolve includes a General Fund appropriation and requires the department to submit a report based on the results of the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by January 6, 2016.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-528)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment replaces the resolve and changes the title.

This amendment directs the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission, after consultation with the State Fire Marshal, to contract with an independent consultant to conduct an engineering study and complete the planning needed for a statewide, centrally located emergency services training facility, to be designated as the Maine Emergency Services Institute, and several regional emergency services training facilities, to be designated as branches of the Maine Emergency Services Institute.

This amendment includes a General Fund appropriation and requires the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission to submit a report based on the results of the engineering study and planning to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters by January 6, 2017.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-502)

This amendment removes the funding provided in Committee Amendment "A" for a contract with an independent consultant to conduct an engineering study and complete the planning for the emergency services training facility.

LD 823 *An Act To Upgrade the Concealed Handgun Permit Law* Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

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

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

It amends the laws concerning permits to carry concealed handguns by:

1. Making the Chief of the State Police the sole issuing authority for a permit to carry concealed handguns;

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- 2. Extending the term of a permit to carry concealed handguns from four years to 10 years; and
- 3. Removing the requirement that a course that includes handgun safety taken by an applicant for a permit to carry concealed handguns must have been taken by the applicant within five years prior to the date of application.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-595)

This amendment is minority report of the committee. It provides funding to the Department of Public Safety for the costs of issuing concealed handgun permits and makes a technical correction. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 944 An Act Regarding Recovery of Emergency Response Costs Related to an OUI Offense Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THIBODEAU M WALLACE R	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This bill makes a person who operates a motor vehicle while intoxicated and proximately causes an incident requiring an emergency response liable for the costs of that response up to an amount of \$2,500.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-390)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and replaces the bill. The amendment makes a person who is convicted of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs strictly liable for the costs of specified emergency response services, up to \$1,000, under a court-ordered payment plan.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1002 An Act Regarding the Electronic Monitoring Program Died On Adjournment

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE K	OTP-AM	H-220

This bill was reported out from committee in the prior session and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table.

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 and fiscal year 2016-17 for the State Board of Corrections to fund the increased use of electronic monitoring.

LD 1114 An Act Regarding Sexual Exploitation of Children PUBLIC 394

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND G LONG R	OTP-AM	S-369