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127<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 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.

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| <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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

of a member of all retirement plans including the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program, the Legislative Retirement Program, the Judicial Retirement Program and the Participating Local District Retirement Program.

**LD 873      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Housing for Homeless Veterans      CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| GOLDEN<br>CUSHING |                         |                           |

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$4,000,000, will be used to build housing for homeless veterans at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Togus Campus, in Augusta, or elsewhere, to be managed by Volunteers of America Northern New England or a similar entity.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 127th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 994 as amended by H-504.

**LD 875      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Highways, Bridges, Ports, Railroads and Other Multimodal Facilities      CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>   | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MCLEAN<br>VALENTINO |                         |                           |

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$190,000,000, will be used for reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities or equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, aviation, freight and passenger railroads, transit and bicycle and pedestrian facilities, matching an estimated \$290,000,000 in federal and other funds.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 127th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 994 as amended by H-504.

**LD 924      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Enhance State Parks      CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u>    | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FREDETTE<br>SAVIELLO |                         |                           |

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$5,190,000, will be used to enhance state parks by providing funds for upgrades and safety improvements, and ensuring compliance with federal laws, for bathroom facilities, septic systems, entry gates, historic sites and structures, piers and docks, park roads, water supply and distribution systems, dams and locks, handicapped access areas and playgrounds.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 127th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 994 as amended by H-504.