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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.

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 FINAL 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 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 Environment and Natural Resources

This bill, which is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes to establish the Maine Solid Waste Reduction Fund and the Maine Solid Waste Reduction Program, administered by the Department of Environmental Protection, to provide grants to assist municipalities in the diversion of solid waste from disposal at solid waste landfills through equipment or infrastructure purchases or the establishment of programs to reduce the need for waste disposal. The bill provides funding for this fund and program through the elimination of certain exemptions from fees for the disposal of solid waste at landfills.

LD 948 **An Act To Harmonize Maine's Laws Governing Toxic Chemicals in Children's Products with Those of Other States** **ONTP**

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

This bill amends the laws governing toxic chemicals in children's products to ensure consistency with similar laws enacted in other states. It requires annual reporting of the use of chemicals of high concern in children's products sold in Maine, phased in over a five-year period, with implementing rules adopted by January 1, 2016. It requires the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to designate three priority products that contain a chemical of high concern or a priority chemical by January 1, 2017. The bill also requires the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt, not later than January 1, 2016, a rule designating four phthalates as priority chemicals and requiring manufacturers and distributors of children's products containing those phthalates to report to the department.

LD 1040 **An Act To Enhance Funding Opportunities for the Youth Conservation Corps** **PUBLIC 365**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	S-86

This bill creates a statutory program to reduce shoreline erosion and protect lake quality, to be administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. It directs the department to contract with the Lakes Environmental Association for implementation of the program and to use volunteer labor from the Youth Conservation Corps for an eight-week period in the summer of 2016 and the summer of 2017. The scope of the contracted work is to be determined by the amount of outside funds deposited into the Erosion Control Fund from which the department is directed to disburse \$3 from the fund for every \$2 received from the outside source, up to \$150,000 for each year.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-86)

This amendment replaces the bill and creates a statutory program to reduce shoreline erosion and protect lake water quality to be implemented and administered by a private organization contracted with by the Department of Environmental Protection. Under the bill, the department would administer the program. The amendment directs the department to distribute appropriated funds through a competitive bid process to implement and administer the program and stipulates that the contracted private organization must use labor from a youth conservation corps in the summers of 2016 and 2017 to implement erosion control measures and that the contracted organization is allowed to disburse to a youth conservation corps no more than \$1 of state funding for every \$2 in matching funds contributed by that youth conservation corps. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 365 creates a statutory program, administered by the Department of Environmental Protection, to reduce shoreline erosion and protect lake water quality to be implemented and administered by a