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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.

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.

sale of water filters applies to residential point-of-use and whole house water treatment system filters. It also adds definitions for "point-of-use water treatment system" and "whole house water treatment system." It also removes the provision in the bill that proposes to require a seller of residential real property to provide to the purchaser a form that allows the purchaser to formally decline to have the water at the property tested for arsenic. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 952   **An Act Regarding the Licensure of Funeral Service Providers**   **PUBLIC 246**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
LUCHINI	OTP-AM	H-351
LANGLEY		

This bill creates a process that allows a holder of a license to practice funeral services in another state with substantially similar licensure requirements as this State who has practiced for at least two consecutive years immediately prior to applying for a license in this State to receive a provisional license to practice funeral services. To obtain a permanent license, the person is required to pass the examination for licensure to practice funeral services within a year of receiving the provisional license.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-351)

This amendment replaces the bill. It allows the State Board of Funeral Service to issue a nonrenewable temporary license to a qualified applicant in order to allow the holder to practice funeral service until the holder has passed the State Law and Rule Examination. The term of a temporary license is six months.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 246 allows the State Board of Funeral Service to issue a nonrenewable temporary license to a qualified applicant in order to allow the holder to practice funeral service until the holder has passed the State Law and Rule Examination. The law provides that the term of a temporary license is six months.

LD 960   **An Act To Support Family Caregivers in the Workforce**   **Died Between Houses**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MASTRACCIO	OTP-AM	
BURNS	ONTP	

Under current law, family medical leave may be taken by an employee to care for a child, domestic partner's child, parent, domestic partner, sibling or spouse with a serious health condition. This bill adds to this list "grandparent" and "great-grandparent" and further provides that family medical leave may be taken in connection with the serious health condition experienced by any of these listed individuals related to the employee by blood, adoption, legal custody, marriage or domestic partnership.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-172)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section.