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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.

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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 ONTP
Children's Products with Those of Other States

<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 PUBLIC 365
Corps

<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

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private organization contracted with by the department. The department is directed to distribute appropriated funds through a competitive bid process to implement and administer the program, and 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 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.

LD 1043 An Act To Strengthen the Overboard Discharge Removal Grant Program ONTP

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

This bill amends the laws regarding the State's contribution to residential overboard discharge replacement projects. Under current law, depending on income level, an individual may apply for a grant for reimbursement of all or a portion of the cost of removing and replacing any overboard discharge, but may be approved for such reimbursement only after project completion. This bill allows the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to approve applications for reimbursement in advance of construction if certain conditions are met and to dedicate the proposed project expenses for reimbursement for a specified period of time. Upon completion of the project and submission of expense documentation, the commissioner is directed to reimburse the individual for the previously applied for and approved eligible project expenses. The bill also provides an appropriation in fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17 in the amount of \$200,000 per year to provide grants to reimburse individuals for the cost of removing an overboard discharge under this program.

LD 1044 An Act To Ensure That Collection Facilities Can Participate in the Architectural Paint Stewardship Program PUBLIC 331 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	S-157

This bill amends the laws governing the stewardship program for architectural paint by amending definitions and enacting requirements for architectural paint collection sites.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-157)

This amendment replaces the bill and amends the laws governing the stewardship program for architectural paint as follows:

1. It amends the definitions of the terms "architectural paint" and "consumer" and adds new definitions for the terms "collection container," "collection site," "conditionally exempt small quantity generator" and "post-consumer paint that is a hazardous waste";
2. It amends the requirements regarding the information to be included in a submitted plan for the establishment of a paint stewardship program;
3. It provides new requirements applicable to participating collection sites under an approved paint stewardship program, including directives on the collection and storage of post-consumer paint, record-keeping by collection sites and acceptance of post-consumer paint that is a hazardous waste;
4. It provides that, except as may otherwise be required by federal law or under an approved paint stewardship program plan, the Department of Environmental Protection may not impose requirements on collection sites that are