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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.

<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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LD 1052 An Act To Feed Rural Citizens of the State

**Died Between
Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAMANN HASKELL	OTP ONTP	

This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to seek a waiver beginning with federal fiscal year 2016, which begins October 1, 2015, and for each federal fiscal year thereafter to allow individuals otherwise subject to a three-month limit on federal food supplement program benefits to continue to receive benefits if those individuals reside in counties, labor market areas or other areas that qualify for a waiver because of high unemployment or a lack of a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for those individuals.

LD 1054 An Act To Provide Funding for Head Start Services

**Died Between
Houses**

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

This bill provides funding to the Head Start program within the Department of Health and Human Services to address the significant unmet need for Head Start services, allowing eligible parents to remain in or enter the workforce.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-403)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-404)

This amendment, which is a minority report of the committee, provides funding to the Head Start program within the Department of Health and Human Services, but instead of the General Fund appropriations proposed in the bill, this amendment provides \$575,000 per fiscal year to the Head Start program from the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

LD 1058 An Act Regarding Medical Marijuana Registered Testing Laboratories

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SANDERSON HAMPER	ONTP	

This bill establishes registered testing laboratories that perform testing on marijuana samples for the cannabinoid profile and for possible contaminants within the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act. It further establishes the standards for registered testing laboratories and provides that they must be located in the State.

The bill provides that the laboratories and their principal officers, board members, agents and employees are given the same immunity from prosecution, search, seizure and penalty currently granted to registered dispensaries. The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish an application form and fees for registered

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testing laboratories by December 15, 2015.

LD 1059 An Act Relating to Marijuana Testing Facilities

Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNSWORTH	OTP-AM ONTP	H-345

This bill allows for the operation of marijuana testing facilities. These facilities may possess marijuana regulated under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act. Dispensaries and registered primary caregivers may own and operate marijuana testing facilities for research and development purposes. The bill provides that if a label for medical marijuana refers to potency or cannabinoid profile, the label must be verified by a marijuana testing facility.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-345)

This amendment:

1. Amends the definition of "cardholder" in the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act to include a marijuana testing facility;
2. Eliminates the educational requirement for the director of a marijuana testing facility;
3. Adds requirements for the housing, storing, transporting and labeling of marijuana within marijuana testing facilities;
4. Creates an immunity provision within the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act for marijuana testing facilities; and
5. Directs the Department of Health and Human Services to issue registry identification cards to certain individuals at marijuana testing facilities.

LD 1061 Resolve, To Create the Commission To Study a Stable Continuum of Care for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Autism

Died On Adjournment

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCLELLAN LANGLEY	OTP-AM	H-259

This resolve establishes the Commission to Study a Stable Continuum of Care for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Autism. The commission is required to examine the best way for different state systems involved in the lifelong care of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism in the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education and the Department of Labor to provide a stable continuum of care without duplication of efforts and programs and to ensure seamless transitions between departments. It is required to also examine the status of the federal Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. The commission is required to report its findings to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-259)

This amendment changes the composition of the Commission to Study a Stable Continuum of Care for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Autism, and it adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.