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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.

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

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.