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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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

1. It defines "polygraph examination."
2. It specifically authorizes a polygraph examiner to disclose information acquired from a polygraph examination to a member of a criminal justice agency if the polygraph examination is conducted in the course of a criminal investigation; another licensed polygraph examiner in a professional consultation; an employee or intern working with the polygraph examiner; or as otherwise provided by law.
3. It provides that statements or disclosures voluntarily made by an examinee that are adverse to the examinee's interests may be used against the examinee in the course of a criminal investigation or prosecution, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
4. It establishes fees for initial and renewal polygraph examiner licenses, and for intern polygraph examiner licenses.
5. It extends the term of a renewal polygraph examiner license from two to four years.
6. It more specifically outlines the qualifications a person must have in order to be eligible to obtain a polygraph examiner license.
7. It specifies that a person to whom a polygraph examination is administered is considered to have taken the polygraph examination if the person participates to any extent in the formalities of the pre-test phase of the polygraph examination. It also makes clear that nothing prohibits the use of any statements or disclosures voluntarily made in a polygraph examination in the course of a criminal investigation or prosecution, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

LD 1051 An Act To Prohibit Fuel Temperature Compensation When Fuel is Dispensed to Outdoor Tanks ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAUCIER DILL	ONTP	

This bill prohibits a person dispensing refined petroleum products to a holding tank located outside from adjusting the volume of the product being dispensed based on a set temperature.

LD 1062 An Act To Support Housing for Homeless Veterans CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOLDEN MCCORMICK	OTP-AM	H-312

This bill establishes the Homeless Veterans Housing Fund within the Maine State Housing Authority to provide housing for homeless veterans and, for fiscal year 2015-16, directs the Treasurer of State to credit \$1,000,000 derived from the real estate transfer tax to the Homeless Veterans Housing Fund to support, with a three-to-one match by outside sources, the construction by the Volunteers of America of housing for homeless veterans on the grounds of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in the City of Augusta.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-312)

This amendment adds the following provisions to the bill.

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1. It adds a provision to ensure that the housing provided by the Homeless Veterans Housing Fund will be constructed for homeless veterans and their immediate families.
2. It adds a provision to require that Volunteers of America enter into a service agreement with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs prior to construction that describes the resources and services both entities will provide to homeless veterans receiving housing funded by the fund.
3. It allows Volunteers of America to request funds from the fund, as long as the organization enters into a service agreement with each homeless veteran receiving housing funded by the fund that identifies the resources and services that will be provided to veterans by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and by Volunteers of America.
4. It authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to conduct quarterly quality control site inspections of the housing constructed for homeless veterans on the grounds of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in the Town of Chelsea.
5. It adds an annual reporting requirement from Volunteers of America to the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans affairs.
6. It includes a provision requiring that Volunteers of America use utility services of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
7. It adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table to any special or regular session of the 127th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 555.

LD 1091 An Act To Allow Youth Who Referee Sports To Be Paid Stipends ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEAVERS CUSHING	ONTP	

This bill allows a minor 12 years of age or older to referee, umpire or officiate in a youth athletic program for a stipend if the minor referees, umpires or officiates for an age group younger than the minor's own age and an adult representing the youth athletic program is on the premises.

LD 1093 An Act Regarding the Municipalities to Which the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Applies ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HIGGINS DAVIS	ONTP	

Under current law, all municipalities of more than 4,000 residents must enforce the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. Municipalities with 4,000 or fewer residents are not required to adopt or enforce the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, but if such a municipality adopts or enforces a building code, it must be the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.