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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.

CARRIED OVER carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREECommittee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE, emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR
LEAVE TO WITHDRAWsponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODYruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
<i>P&S XXXchapter # of enacted private & special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

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.

LD 1090 Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project for Medicaid Reimbursement for Acupuncture Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorders

Veto Sustained

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
SANDERSON	OTP-AM ONTP	H-438

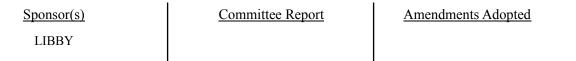
This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services and the department's Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services to apply for a community-based waiver from the federal United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to develop a pilot project to treat alcohol abuse disorders, substance abuse disorders and co-occurring disorders using the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association auricular acupuncture protocol. The project may last no longer than two years and must be reimbursable as allowed under the United States Social Security Act and be cost-neutral or result in savings to the MaineCare program. The department and the office must report their findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters at the end of the project.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-438)

This amendment is the majority report. The amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services and the department's Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services to apply by January 1, 2016 for authorization from the federal United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to develop a pilot project to treat alcohol abuse disorders, substance abuse disorders and co-occurring disorders using the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association auricular acupuncture protocol. The amendment requires the department to consult with the statewide association representing licensed acupuncturists in the establishment of treatment standards. The amendment requires that the treatment be provided by a person who is licensed to practice acupuncture in the State and whose license is in good standing.

LD 1097 An Act To Improve the Integrity of Maine's Welfare Programs

CARRIED OVER



This bill restricts the use of benefits for recipients of temporary assistance for needy families under the electronic benefits transfer system by prohibiting use of the electronic benefits transfer system outside of the State, except for in New Hampshire, withdrawals of cash per month in an amount over 25 percent of a recipient's monthly benefits and expenditures on items such as tobacco products, liquor and lottery tickets and several other similar items. This bill also directs the Department of Health and Human Services to hire five additional fraud investigators.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 127th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 992.

LD 1108 An Act To Protect Children and the Public from Vapor from Electronic PUBLIC 318 Smoking Devices

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MCCABE	OTP-AM	H-428
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This bill includes in the definition of "smoking" an electronic cigarette giving off vapor for the purpose of restricting smoking in public places.