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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.

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 AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
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..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY ruled 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
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... 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.

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

LD 1103 Resolve, To Study Understaffing in State Agencies

**Died Between
Houses**

Sponsor(s)

ROTUNDO

Committee Report

OTP-AM
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to collect and compile information concerning staffing of all the departments of the State and review any available studies comparing private sector positions and pay with comparable state positions and pay for comparable work and to report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-380)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It allows the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government to report out a bill related to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services report in the resolve to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

**LD 1161 Resolve, To Modify the Deed for a Parcel of Property in the Town of
Carrabassett Valley**

**RESOLVE 17
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

SAVIELLO
BUCKLAND

Committee Report

OTP

Amendments Adopted

This resolve amends Resolve 1999, chapter 41, which authorized the conveyance of 1,203 acres from the State to the Town of Carrabassett Valley. The conveyance is subject to use restrictions, such as a requirement that the land be used for public outdoor recreation and that development for overnight accommodations, except camping, and commercial uses is expressly prohibited.

This resolve allows the town to lease no more than two acres of the conveyed parcel to a nonprofit corporation for the development of an outdoor recreational and educational center for use by persons with developmental and physical disabilities. The development may include residential and overnight accommodations and dining facilities for the use of staff and guests at the center, and the nonprofit corporation may charge a fee for the use of the accommodations. The Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry is directed to change the deed in accord with the changes made by this resolve.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 17 amends Resolve 1999, chapter 41, which authorized the conveyance of 1,203 acres from the State to the Town of Carrabassett Valley. The conveyance is subject to use restrictions, such as a requirement that the land be used for public outdoor recreation and that development for overnight accommodations, except camping, and commercial uses is expressly prohibited.

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Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

Resolve 2015, chapter 17 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 26, 2015.

LD 1166 An Act To Protect Taxpayers by Regulating Personal Services Contracts

PUBLIC 345

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN R PATRICK	OTP-AM ONTP	H-170 S-321 HAMPER

This bill requires the Director of the Bureau of General Services to coordinate with all state departments and agencies to make cost-savings information available on the department's website for the winners of all competitively bid service contracts for the State. Cost-savings information for a contract with a new contractor must, where applicable, include the projected savings of the contract over the State's costs of providing the same service and include the amount of savings over the previous contractor. Cost-savings information for a contract with a contractor renewing or extending a contract for the first time must include details of the expiring contract's cost savings and details of continued cost-savings at or below costs in the current contract adjusted for inflation. Cost-savings information for a contract with a contractor renewing or extending a contract beyond a first renewal or extension must include details on continued cost-savings at or below costs in the current contract adjusted for inflation. This bill requires that the Director of the Bureau of General Services, with the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, establish practices and procedures to make the cost-savings information available on the department's website and gives the director the authority to do this by rule.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-170)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill which includes funds for one Management Analyst II position.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-321)

This amendment reduces the position in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, division of purchases from one full-time position to a half-time position.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 345 requires the Director of the Bureau of General Services to coordinate with all state departments and agencies to make cost-savings information available on the department's website for the winners of all competitively bid service contracts for the State. Cost-savings information for a contract with a new contractor must, where applicable, include the projected savings of the contract over the State's costs of providing the same service and include the amount of savings over the previous contractor. Cost-savings information for a contract with a contractor renewing or extending a contract for the first time must include details of the expiring contract's cost savings and details of continued cost-savings at or below costs in the current contract adjusted for inflation. Cost-savings information for a contract with a contractor renewing or extending a contract beyond a first renewal or extension must include details on continued cost-savings at or below costs in the current contract adjusted for inflation. Public Law 2015, chapter 345 requires that the Director of the Bureau of General Services, with the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, establish practices and procedures to make the cost-savings information available on the department's website and gives the director the authority to do this by rule.

LD 1190 An Act To Amend the Androscoggin County Charter

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY		