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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

LD 1193

An Act To Encourage Good Nutrition and Healthy Choices in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Died In Concurrence

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

This bill creates the Healthy Local Foods Initiative Program to engage in efforts to seek out and support, sustain or assist eligible applicants in submitting proposals for federal grants or funding for pilot projects to improve the diets of low-income persons enrolled in a statewide food supplement program administered as part of the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program. The bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to create a working group of various interested parties to make recommendations concerning best practices and criteria for evaluation of proposals for federal grants or funding to conduct pilot projects designed to provide incentives to participants of the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program to improve their diets, reduce obesity and support farmers and businesses in the State. The bill directs the department to provide the matching funds required of a chosen applicant in order to receive a federal grant to the extent funds are available in the Healthy Local Foods Incentive Fund. Contributions to the fund are derived from a portion of bonus payments received from the United States Department of Agriculture for the performance of the Department of Health and Human Services in administering the statewide food supplement program under the federal supplemental nutrition assistance program, from the State's portion of funds recouped from the collection of overpayment claims from program recipients and from other sources. Contributions to the fund may also be received from hospital organizations fulfilling United States Internal Revenue Service requirements to meet community health needs.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-230)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, removes the funding sources for the bill's Healthy Local Foods Incentive Fund that come from bonus payments for the Department of Health and Human Services for the department's administration of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and from the collection of the program's overpayment claims.

LD 1209

An Act To Increase the Effectiveness of Peer Supports in the State

CARRIED OVER

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

This bill establishes a peer support services program in the office of substance abuse and mental health services within the Department of Health and Human Services. The bill requires each assertive community treatment team to include at least one full-time intentional peer support specialist certified by the department. "Intentional peer support specialist" is defined. The bill requires the department to appoint and convene the Intentional Peer Support Advisory Committee. The bill requires the department to adopt necessary rules and designates the rules as routine technical rules. The bill requires the costs of intentional peer support services and the advisory committee to be met through the transfer of funding from the Mental Health - Community account and the Mental Health - Community Medicaid account and through the discontinuance of two full-time positions within the office of substance abuse and mental health services.

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