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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.

LD 1243

An Act To Make the Law Regarding Critical Incident Stress Management Teams More Beneficial and Effective

PUBLIC 112

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BURNS PICKETT	OTP	

This bill amends the definition of "critical incident" to include employees of and emergency dispatchers for a criminal justice agency. The bill also allows the chief law enforcement officer of a law enforcement agency or the chief law enforcement officer's designee to designate critical incident stress management team members.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 112 amends the definition of "critical incident," as it pertains to Critical Incident Stress Management Teams under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, chapter 501, to include employees of and emergency dispatchers for a criminal justice agency. The law also allows the chief law enforcement officer of a law enforcement agency or the chief law enforcement officer's designee to designate critical incident stress management team members.

LD 1246

An Act To Strengthen Laws Regarding the Manufacture and Sale of Methamphetamine and Other Drugs

PUBLIC 346

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROSEN DAVITT	OTP-AM OTP-AM	S-280 S-337 HAMPER

This bill strengthens laws regarding the manufacture and sale of methamphetamine and other drugs. It does the following:

1. Provides that possession of two grams or more of fentanyl or 90 or more individual containers containing fentanyl constitutes "trafficking";
2. Provides that possession of at least one gram but less than two grams of fentanyl or at least 45 but fewer than 90 individual containers of fentanyl constitutes "furnishing";
3. Establishes the crime of aggravated unlawful operation of a clandestine methamphetamine laboratory; and
4. Prohibits the unlawful possession of a scheduled drug containing fentanyl, seven grams or more of cocaine or two grams or more of cocaine in the form of cocaine base.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-280)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment defines "fentanyl powder" and clarifies that the fentanyl for which the bill establishes the penalties is fentanyl powder. The amendment deletes from the bill the word clandestine in regard to the methamphetamine laboratories that are criminalized in the bill.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-281)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment changes the title of the bill. The amendment defines "fentanyl powder" and clarifies that the fentanyl for which the bill establishes the penalties is fentanyl powder. The amendment deletes from the bill the word clandestine in regard to the methamphetamine laboratories that are criminalized in the bill. The amendment reduces possession of oxycodone in the form of pills,