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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 Judiciary

LD 1311

An Act To Establish the Patient Compensation System Act

CARRIED OVER

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

This bill establishes within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation the Patient Compensation System, which allows a person who has suffered a medical injury to receive compensation outside of the court system. The Patient Compensation System is governed by a board of medical, legal, patient and business representatives. The bill establishes three offices within the system to provide medical review of claims, compensation allocations and quality review, as well as two committees to provide guidance in the selection of medical review panelists and the design of compensation schedules. The bill also creates the Patient Compensation System Fund, which is funded by fees paid by physicians participating in the system.

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

LD 1312 An Act To License Outpatient Surgical Abortion Facilities

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SANDERSON BRAKEY	ONTP OTP	

This bill requires outpatient surgical abortion facilities to be licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services. The department must adopt rules governing licensing of these facilities and may adopt rules establishing reasonable operational and safety standards for these facilities.

LD 1317 An Act To Provide Expedited Court Review of Child Visitation Provisions for Military Personnel on Duty out of State

PUBLIC 273

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FOWLE PATRICK	OTP-AM	H-411

This bill provides an expedited process for persons serving in the United States Armed Forces who are deployed or stationed out of State to move for enforcement of visitation provisions of child custody determinations.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-411)

This amendment adds to the expedited enforcement of visitation provisions members of the National Guard who are on active duty and are serving outside the State or overseas.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 273 provides an expedited process for persons serving in the United States Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who are deployed or stationed out of State to move for enforcement of visitation provisions of child custody determinations.