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127<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 127<sup>th</sup> 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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted private &amp; 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 127<sup>th</sup> 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

### Committee Amendment "A" (H-282)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section.

### **LD 1337** An Act To Fund the Family Caregiver Support Program

**PUBLIC 348**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MALABY	OTP-AM	H-173 S-319 HAMPER

This bill provides additional General Fund appropriations of \$182,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$243,000 in fiscal year 2016-17 for the Department of Health and Human Services to fully fund the family caregiver support program within the department's office of aging and disability services. This appropriation is intended to eliminate the waiting list for the family caregiver support program in fiscal year 2015-16 and meet the growing demand for the program in fiscal year 2016-17.

### Committee Amendment "A" (H-173)

This amendment provides the correct account number for the appropriation to the family caregiver support program.

### Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-319)

This amendment reduces funding provided in Committee Amendment "A" for the family caregiver support program in the Department of Health and Human Services' office of aging and disability services.

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 348 provides additional General Fund appropriations of \$120,500 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$126,772 in fiscal year 2016-17 for the Department of Health and Human Services to fund the family caregiver support program within the department's office of aging and disability services.

### **LD 1348** An Act To Protect Older Adults from Financial Exploitation

**PUBLIC 332  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GATTINE HASKELL	OTP-AM	H-196 S-318 HAMPER

This bill provides ongoing funding to the Office of Aging and Disability Services program within the Department of Health and Human Services for the operation of personal financial management assistance programs for senior citizens.

### Committee Amendment "A" (H-196)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

### Senate Amendment "A" (S-318)

This amendment reduces funding to the Department of Health and Human Services to support personal financial management assistance programs for senior citizens.

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 332 provides ongoing funding of \$75,000 in each fiscal year to the Office of Aging and