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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 Second 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.

*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 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 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature is July 29, 2016. 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*

feasibility of developing community paramedicine reimbursement rates. The Department of Health and Human Services is required to submit a report on progress on developing a reimbursement rate for community paramedicine programs to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than January 1, 2017.

**LD 1470 An Act To Amend Maine's Death Certificate Disclosure Law**

**PUBLIC 393**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N MAREAN D	OTP-AM	S-358

This bill allows the sole living parent of a minor to obtain a certified or noncertified copy of the death certificate of the minor's deceased parent.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-358)**

This committee amendment establishes that certified or noncertified copies of the death certificate of a minor's parent may not be made available to that minor's living parent if that parent's parental rights with respect to that minor have been terminated. It also specifies that "parent" with respect to this provision has the same meaning as in the Maine Parentage Act.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2015, chapter 393 allows the living parent of a minor to obtain a certified or noncertified copy of the death certificate of the minor's deceased parent, but establishes that these documents may not be made available to that minor's living parent if that parent's parental rights with respect to that minor have been terminated.

**LD 1472 Resolve, To Enhance the Administration of the Child and Adult Care Food Program by Creating Clear Guidelines for Organizations and Streamlining the Application Process**

**Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALFOND J GATTINE A	OTP-AM ONTP	S-411 S-445 ALFOND J

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to review the application and reapplication procedures and forms required for an organization to apply to participate in the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program, and it directs the department to streamline the application and reapplication forms; provide access to the forms through the department's publicly accessible website; and enable online completion and submission of all forms required for an organization to participate in the program, including but not limited to the application and reapplication forms.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-411)**

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

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-445)**

This amendment requires that the forms for an organization to apply to participate in the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program be made available on the Department of Health and Human Services' publicly accessible website no later than August 1, 2017.