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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 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 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 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 Environment and Natural Resources

Resolve 2015, chapter 66 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 27, 2016.

LD 1478 An Act To Reestablish Recreational Use of a Historic Trolley Line in the Town of Gray **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BREEN C AUSTIN S	ONTP OTP	

This bill allows the Town of Gray to exempt certain strips of land from shoreland zoning setback requirements and vegetation clearing standards for the purpose of operating the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad Company and Museum. The bill also exempts those strips of land from the requirement to obtain a Natural Resources Protection Act permit for the clearing of vegetation associated with the operation of the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad Company and Museum.

LD 1494 **An Act To Revise Oil Spill Reporting Standards** **Died In Concurrence**

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

Current law provides that if a person discharges oil into or upon certain water bodies, lands adjacent to certain water bodies, public or private water supplies or sewers that person is not subject to fines or civil penalties if that person, in addition to taking other actions, reports the discharge. This bill exempts discharges of less than 10 gallons from the reporting requirement.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-543)

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

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1535 An Act To Protect Firefighters by Prohibiting the Sale and Distribution of New Upholstered Furniture Containing Certain Flame-retardant Chemicals **Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BAKER L LAJOIE M		

This bill was not referred to a committee.

This bill prohibits a person from selling or offering for sale or distributing for promotional purposes new upholstered furniture containing more than 0.1% of a flame-retardant chemical or containing more than 0.1% of a mixture that includes flame-retardant chemicals.