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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 Veterans and Legal Affairs

16. It extends the deadlines after an election by which the municipal clerk and the registrar of voters must complete updates to the central voter registration system.

17. It changes the filing deadline for a declaration of write-in candidacy from 45 days to 60 days before the election.

18. It allows the Secretary of State, in agreement with the parties involved in a recount of a statewide office or referendum or an office or referendum that encompasses more than one county, to retrieve the ballots and conduct the recount in stages.

19. It clarifies the provision of law that provides that an apparent winning candidate may request a recount if the official tabulation of the vote communicated to the Governor shows that candidate as the losing candidate.

20. It lowers the threshold for requiring a deposit of \$500 in order for a candidate to request a recount.

21. It imposes a deadline of 5:00 p.m. on election day for a uniformed service or overseas voter to submit a voter registration application or absentee ballot request in order to qualify for a ballot for that election.

Public Law 2015, chapter 447 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 10, 2016.

LD 1508

An Act Regarding the Distribution and Off-site Storage of Spirits by Licensed Reselling Agents

PUBLIC 434

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L THIBODEAU M	OTP OTP-AM	H-570

This bill amends current law governing a licensed reselling agent's licensed off-site facility. The bill authorizes a licensed reselling agent to sell spirits to an on-premises licensee at the reselling agent's liquor store location or at the licensed off-site facility.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-570)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, maintains the provision in the bill that permits a reselling agent to process sales of spirits to on-premises licensees from the agent's licensed off-site facility but provides that the off-site facility must be located within five miles of the reseller's agency store location. Current law states that the off-site facility may be located up to 30 miles from the agency store.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 434 permits a reselling agent to process sales of spirits to on-premises licensees from the agent's licensed off-site facility but provides that the off-site facility, must be located within five miles of the reseller's agency store location. Prior to this law being enacted, an off-site facility could be located within 30 miles of the reseller's agency store.

LD 1509

An Act To Simplify the Filing of Campaign Independent Expenditure and 24-hour Reports

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L	ONTP	