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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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety

2. It changes the inspection fee for amusement rides and amusement devices from \$75 per hour per ride or device to a \$100 flat fee per amusement ride or amusement device.

3. It provides that if an amusement ride or amusement device is not available for inspection at the time the Office of the State Fire Marshal conducts its inspections, the owner or operator must still pay the \$100 inspection fee and an additional \$100 per amusement ride or amusement device each time an inspector must return to inspect a ride or device that was not available for inspection during the prior inspection.

4. It exempts a bounce house or other similar inflatable structures from the inspection requirement imposed on amusement rides and amusement devices.

Public Law 2015, chapter 421 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 31, 2016.

LD 1534 An Act To Reduce the Trafficking of Illegal Drugs in the State

**Died On
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BURNS D	OTP-AM OTP-AM	S-371

This bill establishes the Maine State Police Drug Interdiction Unit in the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to conduct drug trafficking patrols on state roads and ways and at access points to the State to prevent the trafficking of illegal drugs in the State. The drug interdiction unit consists of at least three state police officers and a supervising state police officer, all of whom must have training and experience in illegal drug interdiction techniques.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-371)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment provides funding for three State Police Trooper positions, one State Police Sergeant position and related costs for the Maine State Police Drug Interdiction Unit in the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-372)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. This amendment specifies that the Maine State Police Drug Interdiction Unit in the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police must be established using existing resources and vacant positions within the Maine State Police.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1536 An Act To Provide Ballistic Vests to State Law Enforcement Officers and Certain Other State Agents

**Died On
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BURNS D EVES M	OTP-AM OTP-AM	S-428

This bill requires that all active law enforcement officers employed by the State, including game wardens, forest rangers, marine patrol officers and investigative officers and detectives in the Office of the Attorney General, the Department of the Secretary of State and the Department of Corrections, be equipped with well-fitting,