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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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development*

criminal prosecution may be pursued only if the employer has committed a knowing violation and establishes that revocation of authority to operate pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 324, subsection 3, paragraph C may be pursued only if the employer has committed a knowing violation, has failed to pay a penalty assessed pursuant to that subsection or continues to operate without required workers' compensation insurance coverage after a penalty has been assessed pursuant to that subsection.

5. It requires the Workers' Compensation Board to study the current system for independent contractor predeterminations and report any recommended legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters. The committee will have authority to report out a bill relating to the report to the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

**LD 1559 An Act To Encourage Roller Derby**

**PUBLIC 454**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUSSELL D	OTP	

This bill amends the Roller-skating Safety Act by creating an exception to the law prohibiting skaters at roller-skating rinks from colliding with objects and other skaters. The exception applies to skaters taking part in an organized team sport during practice, scrimmage, games, clinics or an officially sanctioned skating or roller derby event.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2015, chapter 454 amends the Roller-skating Safety Act by creating an exception to the law prohibiting skaters at roller-skating rinks from colliding with objects and other skaters. The exception applies to skaters taking part in an organized team sport during practice, scrimmage, games, clinics or an officially sanctioned skating or roller derby event.

**LD 1591 An Act To Amend the Maine Veterinary Practice Act**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILL J BLACK R	ONTP	

This bill amends the Maine Veterinary Practice Act by creating an exception to the requirement that a veterinarian be engaged in a veterinarian-client-patient relationship when practicing veterinary medicine. This exception allows a veterinarian to administer a vaccination against rabies, distemper, parvovirus, rhinotracheitis or panleukopenia at a vaccination clinic if the pet owner signs an informed consent waiver explaining the potential adverse events that may result from vaccination and that a vaccination is not a substitute for a complete physical examination.

**LD 1596 An Act To Revise the Laws Regarding Dental Practices**

**PUBLIC 429**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIROCKI H	OTP-AM	H-621

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.