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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 1580 **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Milk Commission**

**RESOLVE 72
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-544

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a major substantive rule of the Maine Milk Commission that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-544)

This amendment provides that final adoption of portions of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Maine Milk Commission, is not authorized.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 72 provides that final adoption of portions of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Maine Milk Commission, is not authorized.

Resolve 2015, chapter 72 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 29, 2016.

LD 1584 **An Act To Continue To Provide Group Exemption Passes to State Parks for Persons with Disabilities and To Ensure Transparency for Certain Fees**

**Died On
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUELL W BURNS D	OTP-AM ONTP	H-599

This bill requires the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to issue a free group exemption pass for day use at state parks and historic sites to an organization that serves persons with disabilities. The pass entitles persons with disabilities and persons assisting them to admission free of charge to all state parks and historic sites for visits arranged by the organization holding the pass.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-599)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. It requires the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to adopt rules providing for the issuance of free group passes for day use at state parks and historic sites to eligible organizations that serve persons with disabilities. This amendment also provides that the bureau's schedule of fees for services, accommodations and use must be posted on its publicly accessible website by October 1st of each year and that a new or changed fee takes effect on January 1st following its posting.

LD 1595 **Resolve, Authorizing the Reconveyance of Land and Authorizing the Sinclair Sanitary District To Lease Land for Telecommunications Purposes**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN R EDGEComb P	ONTP	