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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 State and Local Government

This bill requires the commissioner or director of a state agency, which includes executive branch departments and quasi-independent agencies, to appear before a joint standing committee of the Legislature or a study commission or work group formed by legislative action and to participate in the hearing and work sessions of that committee, commission or work group. The committee, commission or work group must request the attendance of the commissioner or director in writing and provide the date and time of the hearing or work session.

LD 1588 **An Act To Require That Public Postsecondary Educational Institutions in the State Give Preference to Maine Producers When Entering into Contracts Related to Heating Fuel** **Died Between Houses**

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

This bill requires the University of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the Maine Community College System, when entering into a contract for heating fuel, to give preference to companies producing that type of heating fuel in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-564)

This committee amendment is the majority report. This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1600 **An Act Regarding Consent to Land Transfers to the Federal Government** **PUBLIC 458**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY S	ONTP OTP-AM	H-571

This bill amends the laws governing the consent that is given by the State to the Federal Government to acquire land to require that such an acquisition include a reverter clause to apply in the event the Federal Government attempts to designate such land a national monument.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-571)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It removes the requirement for a reverter clause in a deed and conveyance or title papers in the event that land is given by the State to the Federal Government and the Federal Government attempts to designate such land a national monument. It adds language specifying that, in the case of designation of property as a national monument, the consent of the Legislature is not given to the Federal Government for the acquisition of land.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 458 specifies that, in the case of designation of property as a national monument, the consent of the Legislature is not given to the Federal Government for the acquisition of land.