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SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

The *Digest* is arranged 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.

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 HOUSESHouse & 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
EMERGENCYenacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL 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 Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature is August 1, 2014. 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

LD 1312 An Act To Create a Succession and Knowledge Transfer Plan for State Government ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY KRUGER	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

This bill directs the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to establish a plan to develop a pool of qualified internal candidates to fill vacancies at the managerial and senior staff levels within state agencies.

LD 1541 An Act To Ensure That Legislators Share the Sacrifice with Civil Servants in the Event of a State Government Shutdown Died In Concurrence

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUSSELL	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

This bill requires the salary of all Legislators to be reduced by an amount that is proportional to the length of a shutdown that occurs due to a biennial budget's not being enacted into law by July 1st of an odd-numbered year.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-633)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 1606 Resolve, To Assist Veterans by Authorizing the Bureau of General Services To Sell Certain Property To Be Used for Transitional Housing for Veterans RESOLVE 98

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILSON LANGLEY	OTP-AM	H-678

This resolve gives the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services authority to sell the property located at 6 and 10 Arsenal Heights Drive and 7 and 11 Independence Drive on the campus of the land comprising the site of what is now or was formerly known as the Augusta Mental Health Institute to a nonprofit organization that provides services and shelter to homeless veterans for use as a homeless shelter exclusively for veterans.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-678)

This amendment specifies that the property to be sold is for transitional housing for veterans, and not a homeless veterans' shelter. It also specifies that the properties at 6 and 10 Arsenal Heights Drive may be sold only if the Commissioner of Health and Human Services has certified to the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services that the Department of Health and Human Services has no need for the properties for forensic psychiatric patients. The amendment corrects the address of one of the buildings from 7 to 17 Independence Drive. It also increases the time before the resolve is repealed from three to five years.