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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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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 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 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 126<sup>th</sup> 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

than \$400 per acre for each acre or part of an acre planted in violation of the law.

**LD 1587**      **An Act To Temporarily Ban the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides**      **ONTP**

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

This bill bans the use, sale, and distribution of neonicotinoid pesticides for two years. It also directs the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters to review the use and effects of neonicotinoid pesticides.

**LD 1665**      **An Act To Clarify the Confidentiality of Wood Processor Report Information**      **PUBLIC 513**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY WILSON	OTP-AM OTP-AM	S-452

This bill clarifies that all information, not just volume information, submitted by wood processing facilities annually to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Forest Service is confidential.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-452)**

This amendment, which strikes and replaces the bill, makes a technical correction. Unlike the bill, which proposes to make all information submitted by word processing facilities to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Forest Service confidential, the amendment specifies which information submitted by roundwood processing operations and importers and exporters of forest products annually to the Maine Forest Service is confidential.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 513 specifies which information submitted annually by roundwood processing operations, and importers and exporters of forest products to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Forest Service is confidential.

**LD 1673**      **An Act To Further Delegate Permit-granting Authority to the Bureau of Forestry**      **PUBLIC 570**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOYLE MAREAN	OTP-AM ONTP	S-428 S-541 HILL

Under the Natural Resources Protection Act, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry each have permitting authority with respect to timber harvesting activities. This bill consolidates this permitting authority under the bureau.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-428)**

The bill provides that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry must issue permits under the Natural Resources Protection Act for timber harvesting activities in all areas of the State, except