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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 First Regular Session of the 126th 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. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

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 First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature is October 9, 2013. 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

review; and

C. Permitting the board to remand a hearing officer decree.

10. It clarifies that benefits must be paid while an appeal is pending before the Appellate Division and that benefits paid while a case is pending before the Appellate Division are subject to repayment in the same manner as when the Law Court decides an employee is not entitled to compensation.

11. It clarifies that the Workers' Compensation Board's ruling in a predetermination hearing is not subject to review by the Superior Court.

12. It expands the certification requirements for independent medical examiners to include the certifications relevant to chiropractors, podiatrists and psychologists.

LD 32

An Act To Expand the Types of Vaccines That May Be Administered by Pharmacists

PUBLIC 6

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHNSON C SANBORN	OTP	

Current law allows a pharmacist to administer a vaccine licensed by the United States Food and Drug Administration to a person 18 years of age or older with a valid prescription as long as the vaccine is recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the person has a primary care physician or other existing relationship with a nurse practitioner or an authorized practitioner.

This bill allows a pharmacist also to administer a vaccine licensed by the United States Food and Drug Administration to a person 18 years of age or older who has a primary care physician or other existing relationship with a nurse practitioner or an authorized practitioner if the vaccine is outside the guidelines recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices if the prescription specifically states that the vaccine is medically necessary.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 6 allows a pharmacist to administer a vaccine licensed by the United States Food and Drug Administration to a person 18 years of age or older who has a primary care physician or other existing relationship with a nurse practitioner or an authorized practitioner if the vaccine is outside the guidelines recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices if the prescription specifically states that the vaccine is medically necessary.

LD 35

An Act To Amend the Law Concerning the Membership of the Maine Economic Growth Council

PUBLIC 102

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAYES	OTP-AM	H-72

Under current law, 4 members of the Legislature are appointed to the Maine Economic Growth Council. This bill requires that 2 of the 4 legislative members must be Senators and 2 must be members of the House of Representatives. This bill also requires that, of the 2 members from each body, one must belong to the political party holding the largest number of seats in that body and one must belong to the political party holding the 2nd