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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

largest number of seats in that body.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-72)

This amendment changes the terms of legislative appointments to the Maine Economic Growth Council. It provides that, beginning in 2015, legislative members must be appointed to the council by March 15th of the first year of the legislative term. The term of legislative members begins on March 15th of the first year of the legislative term and ends March 15th of the calendar year following the end of that member's legislative term. It also provides that nonlegislative members serve until a successor is appointed.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 102 changes the legislative membership on the Maine Economic Growth Council by requiring that 2 of the 4 legislative members must be Senators and 2 must be members of the House of Representatives. It 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 largest number of seats in that body. The law also changes the terms of legislative appointments to the Maine Economic Growth Council by requiring that, beginning in 2015, legislative members must be appointed to the council by March 15th of the first year of the legislative term. The term of legislative members begins on March 15th of the first year of the legislative term and ends March 15th of the calendar year following the end of that member's legislative term. It also provides that nonlegislative members serve until a successor is appointed.

LD 36 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Record Keeping for Pawn Transactions ONTP

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

This bill requires that pawnbrokers maintain in their records digital photographs of property pawned and digital photographs of the consumers who pawn the property.

LD 71 An Act To Regulate Dealers in Secondhand Precious Metals PUBLIC 398

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FOWLE	OTP-AM	H-392 H-551 FOWLE

This bill:

1. Requires that pawnbrokers maintain in their records digital photographs of property pawned or purchased;
2. Requires that pawnbrokers file with the law enforcement agency of jurisdiction digital photographs of the properties pawned or purchased during the preceding calendar month;
3. Requires that, if the redemption or repurchase period is less than 30 days and the pawned property is not redeemed or repurchased by the consumer, a pawnbroker may not sell or alter the property until the property has remained in the pawnbroker's possession for 30 days after the expiration of the time for which it was pawned; and
4. Requires that if a pawnbroker purchases tangible personal property without any condition of repurchase by the seller for a fixed price within a fixed period of time, the pawnbroker must retain the property and may not sell or alter the property for a period of not less than 60 days after the purchase.