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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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety

LD 168 An Act To Establish Reasonable Restrictions on the Use of Fireworks

CARRIED OVER

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to establish reasonable restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks in the State. This bill would establish a mechanism for reviewing and determining whether restrictions should be placed on the use of fireworks depending on factors, including, but not limited to:

1. The level of fire danger within the area at the time of intended use;
2. The presence of farm animals in the area, and the propensity of such animals to suffer adverse health effects from exposure to the noise accompanying fireworks or, as a result of fear resulting from exposure to such noise, to endanger others;
3. The interests of summer residents and tourists, and the interests of local businesses that provide services to such residents and tourists;
4. The interests of year-round residents in living without unreasonable disturbances to their peace and tranquility; and
5. The effects on veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder, for whom exposure to fireworks carries the potential to trigger debilitating symptoms that have severe and long-lasting effects on their health and ability to function.

The mechanism for reviewing and determining the establishment of fireworks restrictions must evaluate the impact of the use of fireworks on tourism in the State, and balance the interests of the private individuals who choose to use fireworks and the members of the public who are then necessarily exposed to those fireworks. Restrictions imposed on the use of fireworks may include, among other things, a requirement to obtain a permit from the State Fire Marshal, a requirement to obtain local fire permits, limitations on the times during the day, week or month that fireworks may be used and the establishment of firework-free zones throughout the State.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 188 An Act To Criminalize Possession of a Suspended or Revoked
Concealed Handgun Permit**

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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This bill requires the holder of a revoked concealed handgun permit to immediately surrender that license to the issuing authority. It also prohibits a person from possessing a suspended or revoked concealed handgun permit and makes a violation a Class E crime.