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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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$4,500,000, will be used for a public-private partnership for a building project for a new science facility at the Maine Maritime Academy to be matched by other funds.

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 228 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Reduce Energy Costs by Weatherizing and Upgrading the Energy Efficiency of Maine Homes and Businesses and To Create Jobs by Providing for a Trained Workforce for Maine's Energy Future CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEAVERS BOYLE		

The purpose of this bill is to provide funds, through a General Fund bond issue, to reduce energy costs and to create jobs. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$55,000,000, will be used to support weatherization and other energy efficiency improvements for Maine homes, businesses and public buildings to save money, reduce dependence on increasingly scarce heating fuels, support health and comfort and protect the environment. Funds are also provided to expand the workforce for weatherization and energy efficiency services and other parts of a new green economy.

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 232 An Act To Increase the Base for the Cost-of-living Increase for Retired State Employees and Teachers CARRIED OVER

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

This bill increases the base for the calculation of cost-of-living increases for retired teachers and state employees under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System from \$20,000 to \$30,000 beginning in 2014 and makes a grammatical correction.

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 245 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maintenance of State Armories CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE LUCHINI		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$5,000,000, will be used to provide funds to repair and maintain armory property and facilities to remain in compliance with state and federal requirements.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as

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amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

LD 250 An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013

**PUBLIC 1
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HILL ROTUNDO	OTP-AM	S-1 S-3 HILL

This bill is the Governor's proposed fiscal year 2012-13 Emergency Supplemental Budget.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-1)

This amendment is the unanimous report of the Committee in response to the Governor's proposed bill.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-3)

This amendment strikes Part J and replaces it to provide that user fees from the use of state parks, historic sites and the Allagash Wilderness Waterway accrue to the General Fund after payment of any existing lease for Crescent Beach State Park. This amendment also directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to execute a lease for Crescent Beach State Park no later than April 24, 2013 and to report the terms and conditions of the lease, which may not exceed 5 years, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 1 does the following.

PART A makes supplemental appropriations and allocations of funds for fiscal year 2012-13.

PART B makes supplemental appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C relates to the funding of K-12 education.

PART D authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to have more than one Deputy Commissioner. It also establishes the Director, Legislative Affairs and Communications position as a major policy-influencing position.

PART E does the following: 1) Limits the transfer to the reserve for retirement benefits at the close of fiscal year 2012-13; 2) Revises the distribution of available balances in the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund after all required deductions and adjustments; and 3) Repeals the provisions that would have authorized a transfer of up from the unappropriated surplus and the transfer of excess revenue from the Oxford Casino at the end of fiscal year 2012-13 to the Department of Health and Human Services to pay hospital settlements.

PART F transfers \$14,096,679 from the K-12 Essential Programs and Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Education to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2012-13.

PART G repeals the provision of law that directs the process for the renewal of contracts for the State's