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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 126<sup>th</sup> 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 126<sup>th</sup> 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 Health and Human Services*

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment reduces the membership on the Commission on Health Care Cost and Quality from 20 to 13 members and corrects the schedule for staggered appointments. This amendment adds to the duties of the commission the duty to work in cooperation with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to implement the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services state innovation model grant. This amendment allows funding to be provided by the state innovation model grant for the commission to coordinate with the department on health care innovation and reform. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and 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 252**      **An Act Regarding Registration and Correction of Death Information on**      **PUBLIC 31**  
**Death Certificates**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAVEN SIROCKI	OTP	

This bill adds the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner as a certifier of cause of death on a death certificate to accommodate the electronic death registration system. It also permits the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to electronically submit amendments to the death certificate using the electronic death registration system.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 31 adds the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner as a certifier of cause of death on a death certificate to accommodate the electronic death registration system. It also permits the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to electronically submit amendments to the death certificate using the electronic death registration system.

**LD 253**      **An Act Regarding Registration of Fetal Deaths**      **PUBLIC 14**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAVEN SIROCKI	OTP	

This bill allows a fetal death certificate to be filed with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics as well as with the municipal clerk. The bill also authorizes a hospital or an institution to prepare a fetal death certificate with medical information provided by a physician or other person in attendance.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 14 allows a fetal death certificate to be filed with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics as well as with the municipal clerk. It also authorizes a hospital or an institution to prepare a fetal death certificate with medical information provided by a physician or other person in attendance.