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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

poultry slaughterers and processors. The amendment allows a licensed or registered slaughterhouse to contract with certain poultry producers for the rental of the slaughterhouse for the purposes of slaughtering poultry. The amendment requires the renting producer's poultry to be slaughtered and processed by that producer. It prohibits the poultry slaughtered and processed under the rental contract from being sold or transported for interstate commerce. The amendment also requires certain information to be printed on the labels of the poultry products produced by the producer renting a licensed or registered slaughterhouse.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 252 establishes a registration process for certain poultry slaughterers and processors. It allows a licensed or registered slaughterhouse to contract with certain poultry producers for the rental of the slaughterhouse for the purposes of slaughtering poultry. Public Law 2013, chapter 252 requires the renting producer's poultry to be slaughtered and processed by that producer. It prohibits the poultry slaughtered and processed under the rental contract from being sold or transported for interstate commerce. The law also requires certain information to be printed on the labels of the poultry products produced by the producer renting a licensed or registered slaughterhouse.

LD 262 An Act To Restore to Jimmy J. Soucy the Right To Maintain Existing Structures on Property in Sinclair DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T AYOTTE	ONTP OTP	

This bill specifies the permissible uses of certain property in Sinclair and structures on that property acquired by Jimmy J. Soucy in 2009 from the State of Maine.

LD 269 An Act To Provide Increased Opportunities on the Allagash Wilderness Waterway DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T	OTP-AM ONTP	S-85

Current rules of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands limit to 12 the number of members in a group that may travel on the Allagash watercourse or camp at Allagash Wilderness Waterway campsites. This bill increases the permissible size of a group to 24, beginning with the 2014 camping season. It also requires larger groups to separate into self-contained groups of 24 or fewer. The bill also gives the division the authority to permit groups composed of more than 24 persons.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-85)

This amendment is the majority report. The amendment strikes and replaces the bill. Current rules of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands limit to 12 the number of members in a group that may travel on the Allagash watercourse or camp at Allagash Wilderness Waterway campsites. This amendment proposes to retain that rule except for groups of up to 18 persons who limit their use of the watercourse to day use and who do not camp overnight. It also makes exceptions for school groups that notify the division at least 2 weeks in advance and travel on the watercourse and camp at waterway campsites under the direction of the waterway's superintendent or the superintendent's designee. The amendment also proposes to allow groups of up to 24 persons to access the waterway by snowmobile at locations that are currently allowed by rule. The majority report was not adopted.