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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

**LD 271**

**An Act To Facilitate the Processing of Livestock That Is Not for Resale**

**DIED BETWEEN  
HOUSES**

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

This bill removes custom processors, which slaughter livestock or process meat exclusively for consumption by the owner of the livestock and members of the owner's household and the owner's nonpaying guests and employees, from the laws regulating meat processing, and removes the licensing requirement for custom slaughterhouses, which slaughter livestock for the exclusive use of another person and members of that person's household, nonpaying guests and employees. It also removes custom slaughterers and custom processors from a list of entities that are required to be licensed.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-272)**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to allow an animal that is a member of an amenable species, a term defined in the amendment, that is owned by a person to be slaughtered and processed at the home of another person that is registered to do so if that animal is not being offered for sale by the owner or by any other person. The amendment also adds registered establishments to slaughter establishments that may be periodically reviewed by inspectors to ensure that the laws and rules governing slaughter facilities are being followed. The majority report was not adopted.

**Committee Amendment "B" (S-273)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to allow an animal that is a member of an amenable species, a term defined in the amendment, that is owned by a person to be slaughtered and processed at the home of another person if that animal is not being offered for sale by the owner or by any other person. It differs from the majority report in that it does not require the person slaughtering and processing the animal to be registered as a custom slaughterer. The amendment also adds registered establishments to slaughter establishments that may be periodically reviewed by inspectors to ensure that the laws and rules governing slaughter facilities are being followed. The minority report was not adopted.

**LD 282**

**An Act To Eliminate the Commercial Standard for Maine White-cedar  
Shingles**

**PUBLIC 13**

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

This bill eliminates the commercial standard for Maine white-cedar shingles, a program that has no funding and that has not been used for at least 20 years.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 13 eliminates the commercial standard for Maine white-cedar shingles, a program that has no funding and that has not been used for at least 20 years.