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SECOND 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

The *Digest* is arranged 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.

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 HOUSESHouse & 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
EMERGENCYenacted 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 Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature is August 1, 2014. 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

concealed handgun permit database and to perform record checks.

LD 297

An Act To Require Forest Rangers To Be Trained in Order To Allow Them To Carry Firearms

Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNPHY LACHOWICZ	OTP-AM ONTP	H-608 S-546 HILL

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

This bill repeals two requirements: that the Commissioner of Conservation sell all bulletproof vests, firearms and related equipment and that the commissioner is prohibited from purchasing bulletproof vests, firearms or related equipment without specific authorization by the Legislature.

This bill requires the Director of the Division of Forestry within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to develop a policy that requires all forest rangers to attend and complete a law enforcement training course at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy as a condition of continued employment. Forest rangers employed as such on the day this bill takes effect are required to attend the 4-week preservice training course and forest rangers hired after the effective date are required to take the basic law enforcement training course. A forest ranger who has already attended a law enforcement training course at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy is exempt.

The bill also requires the State Supervisor of the forest protection unit in the Division of Forestry and the director of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to develop a plan to provide training to forest rangers in the use of firearms, bulletproof vests and other related equipment. The State Supervisor is directed to develop a plan to furnish such firearms and equipment to those forest rangers for the performance of their law enforcement duties. The plans must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety for review no later than November 1, 2013 and implemented, including furnishing firearms and related equipment, no later than January 1, 2014.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-608)

This amendment is the majority report. It removes the requirement that forest rangers complete firearms training by a date certain and instead requires forest rangers with limited enforcement powers under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 8901 to take at least seven hours of firearms classroom work and at least forty hours of firearms training on a firing range taught by an instructor certified by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. In addition, it requires forest rangers to take at least eight hours of training regarding the use of force taught by the Office of the Attorney General and at least another eight hours of training on weapon retention and use-of-force scenarios taught by a Maine Criminal Justice Academy instructor.

The bill requires the State Supervisor of the forest protection unit in the Bureau of Forestry and the director of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to develop a plan to provide training to forest rangers in the use of firearms, bulletproof vests and other related equipment. The State Supervisor is directed to develop a plan to furnish such firearms and equipment to those forest rangers for the performance of their law enforcement duties. This amendment changes the date by which these plans must be reported and implemented from November 1, 2013 to November 1, 2014 and from January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2016, respectively.

Senate Amendment "B" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-546)

This amendment deappropriates from Personal Services in the Division of Forest Protection account within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to recognize salary savings from managing vacancies. This offsets the General Fund appropriations still in the bill.