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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 State and Local Government

**LD 274 An Act To Preserve and Protect Ancient Burial Grounds and Burial
Grounds in Which Veterans Are Buried**

PUBLIC 421

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO WELSH	OTP-AM ONTP	S-248 S-334 HILL

This bill amends the law governing ancient burying grounds and public burying grounds.

1. It authorizes a municipality to delegate to a caretaker the municipality's responsibilities regarding an ancient burying ground.
2. Current law requires municipalities to care for public burying grounds in which veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America who served during a war are buried. This bill removes language requiring service during a war.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-248)

This amendment clarifies what keeping a burial place in good condition and repair entails with respect to the provision of the bill that provides an increased standard of care for burial places of veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States that are located in public burying grounds.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-334)

This amendment adds a mandate preamble.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 421 authorizes a municipality to delegate to a caretaker the municipality's responsibilities regarding an ancient burying ground. It requires municipalities to care for public burying grounds in which veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America are buried. It also clarifies what keeping a burial place in good condition and repair entails with respect to an increased standard of care for burial places of veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States that are located in public burying grounds.

LD 315 An Act To Ban the Purchase of Bottled Water by State Agencies

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JONES	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill prohibits the State or any political subdivision, governmental agency or public benefit corporation of the State from purchasing bottled water.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-36)

This amendment, which adds a fiscal note to the bill, is the minority report of the committee.