

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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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 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 Second Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> 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 Environment and Natural Resources*

**LD 331**      **Resolve, To Expand Economic Development in the Town of Orrington  
by Releasing Certain Riverfront Land from State-imposed  
Environmental Restrictions**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL R YOUNGBLOOD	ONTP	

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

It directs the Department of Environmental Protection to release all development restrictions on certain portions of the former HoltraChem Manufacturing Company site in Orrington that are not targeted for cleanup and remediation under the existing Declaration of Restrictive Covenant established on March 30, 2001 and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection's November 24, 2008 compliance order, as modified by the Board of Environmental Protection's August 19, 2010 order.

**LD 794**      **An Act To Amend Setback Requirements and Standards Related to  
Species Migration under the Laws Regulating Development near Vernal  
Pools**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL R BOYLE	ONTP	

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposes to amend the laws regulating significant vernal pool habitat to account for species migration patterns. It proposes to change the area that is regulated as a significant vernal pool habitat and the standards for development within the area regulated. Currently, pursuant to rules of the Department of Environmental Protection adopted under the Natural Resources Protection Act, the area regulated as a significant vernal pool habitat includes the vernal pool depression and the area within a 250-foot radius of the spring or fall high-water mark of the depression.

**LD 1483**      **An Act To Implement the Solid Waste Management Hierarchy**      **PUBLIC 458**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN STANLEY	OTP-AM ONTP	S-386 S-389 BOYLE

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

The purpose of this bill is to assist in the stabilization of the statutorily established solid waste management hierarchy, to promote and strengthen the waste management system in the State and to enhance the continued operation of the existing waste processing incineration facilities located in the State. This bill directs the Department of Environmental Protection to:

1. Impose on each licensed landfill a solid waste stabilization assessment on all solid waste, including, but not limited to, household and commercially sourced solid waste and all other material deposited at the licensed landfill;