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126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 165 amends the law which requires that an on-premises liquor licensee may not serve malt liquor from a tap unless the trade name or brand is clearly labeled on the tap handle. Chapter 165 establishes an alternative by providing that licensees who serve malt liquor from a tap may inform consumers about which product is being dispensed by displaying a list of all available malt liquors.

**LD 343      Resolve, Regarding the Transfer of Responsibility for Veterans' Cemetery Maintenance      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COTTA BURNS	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to study the feasibility of transferring the responsibility of maintaining veterans' cemeteries to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands.

**LD 344      An Act To Amend the Licensing Requirements for Beano Halls Leased by Veterans' Organizations      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW PLUMMER	ONTP	

This bill exempts a veterans' organization that is licensed to conduct beano or bingo games from the requirement to get a beano hall permit if that veterans' organization wishes to lease its facility as a beano hall to an organization licensed to conduct beano or bingo games.

**LD 349      An Act To Strengthen Maine's Ethics Laws and Improve Public Access to Information      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to strengthen Maine's laws governing governmental ethics and to increase transparency and fairness by improving access by the public to information.

**LD 350      An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Gambling      PUBLIC 212  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE BEAULIEU	OTP-AM	S-142