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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 368      An Act To Ensure the Continuation of Dairy Farming**

**CARRIED OVER**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| SHERMAN           | OTP-AM                  |                           |

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

This bill proposes to provide financial and technical assistance to dairy farms in the State to adapt new techniques and utilize new technology to offset the high cost of farming overhead including the cost of feed and fuel.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-170)**

This amendment replaces the concept draft. It simplifies the process of calculating dairy stabilization tier program payments by eliminating additions to the statistical uniform blend price when determining the base price for comparison with the so-called tier safety net levels. The amendment also eliminates the distribution of 1/2 of 1% of the casino slot machine income to the Maine Milk Pool that is scheduled to begin July 1, 2013 and increases the net slot machine income distribution to the Dairy Improvement Fund from 1/2 of 1% to 1% on that date. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

The amendment, which was not adopted, also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145 as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

**LD 377      An Act To Provide Funding to Soil and Water Conservation Districts**

**HELD BY  
GOVERNOR**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BLACK<br>SAVIELLO | OTP-AM                  | H-21<br>S-336 HILL        |

This bill includes an ongoing General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for soil and water conservation districts.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-21)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-336)**

This amendment reduces the ongoing funding for soil and water conservation districts from \$200,000 to \$50,000 for fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15.