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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 AGRICULTURE,  
CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

**LD 377**

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

**PUBLIC 435**

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

This bill was enacted by the Legislature during the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature and was held by the Governor; final disposition occurred at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.

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.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 435 provides an ongoing General Fund appropriation of \$50,000 in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for soil and water conservation districts.

**LD 500**

**An Act To Permit Tribal Members To Have Access to Wood Fiber for Fuel, Shelter and Traditional Woodcraft Production**

**ONTP**

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

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

The bill allows any member of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs to enter and collect or harvest wood or wood fiber from any public or publicly controlled or managed property in the State for the purpose of using the wood or wood fiber for fuel, personal shelter construction or traditional woodcraft production.

**LD 718**

**An Act To Protect Maine Food Consumers' Right To Know about Genetically Engineered Food**

**PUBLIC 436**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARVELL CAIN	OTP-AM OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-393 H-444 TIMBERLAKE

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