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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 Veterans and Legal Affairs

- 5. It allows for temporary authorization to allow employees to work in positions for which a license is required during the licensing process.
- 6. It changes the laws governing when the Gambling Control Board within the Department of Public Safety may refuse to grant a license to a person based on a previous adverse action taken against that person.
- 7. It removes the requirement that all key executives be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.
- 8. It removes the requirement that slot machines have nonresettable meters.
- 9. It provides that the minimum average daily aggregate payback percentage for slot machines be calculated quarterly rather than weekly.

Public Law 2013, chapter 212 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 10, 2013.

LD 408 **An Act To Require a Copy of Communications To Be Filed with Independent Expenditure Reports** **ONTP**

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

This bill amends the law governing reports required for independent expenditures made in support of or opposition to a candidate. The bill requires that a copy of the communication be included with the independent expenditure report.

LD 410 **An Act To Revise the Maine Clean Election Act Regarding Participation in Political Action Committees** **ACCEPTED MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill prohibits a certified candidate under the Maine Clean Election Act from establishing a political action committee for which the candidate is a principal officer, fund-raiser or decision maker.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-157)

This amendment changes the title and replaces the bill. The amendment which was not adopted, establishes a contribution limit of \$350 per contributor for a political action committee for which a current Legislator is a principal decision maker, officer or fund-raiser.

LD 428 **An Act To License Betting on Football Score Pools** **ONTP**

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