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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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development*

**LD 444**      **Resolve, Directing the Workers' Compensation Board To Study  
Improving Protections for Injured Workers Whose Employers Have  
Wrongfully Not Secured Workers' Compensation Payments**

**RESOLVE 40**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T	OTP-AM	S-75

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures designated to improve workers' compensation coverage for all injured workers.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-75)**

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Workers' Compensation Board to study the issue of improving protections for injured workers whose employers have wrongfully not secured workers' compensation payments and to report to the committee with recommendations and draft implementing legislation to address this problem by January 30, 2014. The committee has authority to report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 40 directs the Workers' Compensation Board to study the issue of improving protections for injured workers whose employers have wrongfully not secured workers' compensation payments and to report to the committee with recommendations and draft implementing legislation to address this problem by January 30, 2014. The committee has authority to report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

**LD 445**      **An Act To Improve Efficiencies in Dental Offices**

**ONTP**

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

This bill allows expanded function dental assistants to perform supra gingival scaling under the direct supervision of a dentist.

**LD 449**      **An Act To Ensure Consumer Choice in the Purchase of Prescription  
Drugs**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THOMAS DAVIS		

This bill clarifies and affirms the ability of Maine consumers to purchase mail order prescription drugs from licensed pharmacies that are located in certain nations specified under federal law.

This bill was 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).