

# STATE OF MAINE $126^{\text{TH}}$ 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.

ARRIED OVER carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature	CAF
ON RES XXX chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses	COl
ONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREECommittee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died	COl
IED BETWEEN HOUSESHouse & Senate disagreed; legislation died	DIE
IED IN CONCURRENCE	DIE
IED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation died	DIE
MERGENCY	EM
AILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote	FAI
AILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE failed to receive final majority vote	
AILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote	
ELD BY GOVERNOR	
EAVE TO WITHDRAW legislation granted	
OT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODYruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died	
NDEF PP indefinitely postponed; legislation died	
NTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died	ON
&S XXX chapter # of enacted private & special law	
UBLIC XXXchapter # of enacted public Law	
ESOLVE XXX chapter # of finally passed resolve	
ETO SUSTAINED Legislature failed to override Governor's veto	VET

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.

**RESOLVE 40** 

**CARRIED OVER** 

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

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
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
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Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
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

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
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).