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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.

LD 556

An Act To Modernize the Statutes Governing Physician Assistants

PUBLIC 101

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASTRACCIO GRATWICK	OTP-AM	H-85

This bill accomplishes the following.

1. It adds a physician assistant member to the Board of Licensure in Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Licensure, which are the boards that issue licenses to physician assistants.
2. It permits physician assistants to delegate medical acts to medical assistants as long as that delegation is included in the plan of supervision established by the physician assistant and the supervising physician.
3. It repeals a provision in the laws governing licensing by the Board of Osteopathic Licensure that prohibits a physician assistant from employing a supervising physician.
4. In order to have one set of rules governing physician assistants and their supervising physicians, it requires the Board of Osteopathic Licensure and the Board of Licensure in Medicine to do joint rulemaking and requires that the rules provide for the issuance of a single license regardless of the number of practice sites or supervisory physicians.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-85)

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 101 accomplishes the following.

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2. It permits physician assistants to delegate medical acts to medical assistants as long as that delegation is included in the plan of supervision established by the physician assistant and the supervising physician.
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LD 605

An Act To Allow a Minor in the Police Explorer Program To Assist with Traffic Control at Civic Events

PUBLIC 142

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRIGGS BOYLE	OTP-AM	H-130