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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

and license fees are established by major substantive rules. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

**LD 622      An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Reciprocal Disciplinary  
Actions in Harness Racing and Pulling Events**

**PUBLIC 155  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAY JACKSON T	OTP	

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to obtain current listings from other jurisdictions of people who have been suspended or barred from agricultural pulling competitions and requires the department to suspend or bar from pulling competitions any person in those listings until the department receives notification from the jurisdiction that suspended or barred the person that the person is no longer suspended or barred. This bill also amends the reciprocal disciplinary action provision in harness racing for people in the harness racing industry who have been refused a license or have had their licenses suspended or revoked in another jurisdiction by clarifying certain language in that provision.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 155 requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to obtain current listings from other jurisdictions of people who have been suspended or barred from agricultural pulling competitions and requires the department to suspend or bar from pulling competitions any person in those listings until the department receives notification from the jurisdiction that suspended or barred the person that the person is no longer suspended or barred. Public Law 2013, chapter 155 also amends the reciprocal disciplinary action provision in harness racing for people in the harness racing industry who have been refused a license or have had their licenses suspended or revoked in another jurisdiction by clarifying certain language in that provision.

Public Law 2013, chapter 155 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 29, 2013.

**LD 630      An Act To Reserve Ten Percent of Campsites at State Parks for Maine  
Residents**

**ONTP**

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

This bill requires the Director of the Division of Parks and Public Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to amend the current statewide reservation system for overnight camping at state parks with overnight camping facilities to set aside 10% of campsites for use by Maine residents. These reservations must be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and may be made up to 4 months in advance of each camping season. The bill also includes a definition of "resident."

**LD 639      An Act To Require Payment Quotes in Service Contracts for the  
Harvesting and Hauling of Wood**

**PUBLIC 154**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T	OTP-AM	S-50

This bill proposes that contractors hired to harvest or haul wood be notified by the contracting party of the price per ton to be paid for the wood harvested or hauled under a service contract prior to the contractor's providing the