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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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety

LD 660 **An Act To Enhance Self-defense by Removing Restrictions on the Carrying and Use of Weapons**

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY A SHERMAN	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill:

1. Removes the prohibition on having a loaded firearm or crossbow in a motor vehicle for a person other than a holder of a concealed weapons permit;
2. Provides the exception that a person may shoot from a motor vehicle or motorboat in the defense of life or property;
3. Removes the prohibition on concealing a dangerous weapon; and
4. Removes exceptions to the law prohibiting the carrying of a concealed dangerous weapon.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-361)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill and is the minority report. The amendment specifies that a person who is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm and is a resident of this State may carry a concealed handgun without a permit. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 661 **An Act To Prohibit Sale or Possession of Synthetic Cannabinoids**

PUBLIC 341

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODE CUSHING	OTP-AM	H-422

This bill defines "synthetic cannabinoid," commonly known as "spice" or "K2," in general terms and lists it as a schedule Z drug. Current law only lists specific chemical compounds that are synthetic cannabinoids, so chemical compounds that are synthetic cannabinoids but differ from the compounds listed in statute are not considered schedule Z drugs and are legal in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-422)

This amendment replaces the bill and amends the Maine Criminal Code to capture the larger group of synthetic cannabinoids that have been manufactured since Public Law 2011, chapter 428 was first enacted. The amendment classifies these synthetic cannabinoids as Schedule Z drugs.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 341 amends the Maine Criminal Code to capture the larger group of synthetic cannabinoids that have been manufactured since Public Law 2011, chapter 428 was first enacted. Public Law 2013, chapter 341 classifies these synthetic cannabinoids as Schedule Z drugs.