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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 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.