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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE AND  
FINANCIAL SERVICES**

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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 Insurance and Financial Services*

1, 2014.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-347)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment exempts the bill from the requirements for review and evaluation by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 2752. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Committee Amendment "A" was not adopted.

### **LD 683      An Act To Assist Homeowners with Wood Stoves in Obtaining Property Insurance      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHNSON D PATRICK	ONTP	

This bill requires an insurance policy to provide coverage for a property containing 2 heating sources sharing the same flue.

### **LD 706      An Act To Amend the Workers' Compensation Self-insurance Laws      PUBLIC 172**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE	OTP-AM	S-74

This bill specifies that a group self-insurer that is part of a reinsurance account that has net assets of at least \$40,000,000 and that obtains reinsurance coverage with an initial attachment point of no greater than \$1,000,000 has sufficient assets in the aggregate to qualify for funding the group's workers' compensation exposures at the 65% level of confidence.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-74)**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides flexibility to modify retention levels for self-insurance reinsurance accounts in response to medical inflation and other changes in circumstances with approval of the Superintendent of Insurance. The amendment also revises the investment standards for self-insurance deposits and trusts to reduce concentration risk and other market risks posed by specifying a narrow range of permitted investments.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 172 provides flexibility to modify retention levels for self-insurance reinsurance accounts in response to medical inflation and other changes in circumstances with approval of the Superintendent of Insurance. The law also revises the investment standards for self-insurance deposits and trusts to reduce concentration risk and other market risks posed by specifying a narrow range of permitted investments.