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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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Committee Amendment "A" (H-91)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, changes the bill title and replaces the bill. It repeals the provision currently in statute that allows public employers to deduct service fees owed by an employee to a collective bargaining agent pursuant to a lawful collective bargaining agreement, and to remit those fees to the bargaining agent, without signed authorization from the employee. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 788

An Act To Provide Vehicle Owners and Repair Facilities Access to Vehicle Diagnostic and Repair Information and Equipment

CARRIED OVER

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

This bill requires motor vehicle manufacturers to make available to owners of the manufacturer's motor vehicles and independent motor vehicle repair facilities diagnostic and repair information and equipment at no more than fair market value and in a way that does not unfairly favor the manufacturer's dealers and authorized repair facilities.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

LD 808

An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Scrap Metal Processors

PUBLIC 141

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LONGSTAFF KATZ	OTP-AM	H-128

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to address methods of preventing and punishing thefts of copper, especially when the illegally obtained copper is being sold by one business to another.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-128)

This amendment replaces the bill, which was a concept draft. It broadens the form of payment allowed by scrap metal processors for the purchase of scrap metal to include payment by credit card or debit card, in addition to payment by check as currently required by law.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 141 broadens the form of payment allowed by scrap metal processors for the purchase of scrap metal to include payment by credit card or debit card, in addition to payment by check.

LD 809

Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Study the Need for a State Regulatory Process for Scrap Metal Dealers

RESOLVE 37

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LONGSTAFF MASON G	OTP-AM ONTP	H-147

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to create a licensing requirement for scrap metal processors similar to that for persons operating an automobile graveyard, automobile recycling business or