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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 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*

**LD 776**      **An Act To Amend the Laws Related to Rate and Form Filings**      **ONTP**

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

This bill provides that an insurer is entitled to trade secret protection under the Uniform Trade Secrets Act for a rate filing and its supporting data that are a trade secret.

**LD 806**      **An Act To Allow the Purchase of Workers' Compensation Insurance Coverage for Domestic Employees from an Insurance Company That Provides Liability Insurance for Homeowners or Tenants**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SANDERSON MASON G	ONTP	

This bill permits employers of domestic workers to voluntarily procure workers' compensation insurance for those workers from an insurance company providing liability insurance for homeowners or tenants in this State and authorizes those companies to provide such insurance.

**LD 812**      **An Act To Create an Open Enrollment Period Consistent with Federal Regulations for Health Insurance Exchanges**      **PUBLIC 271  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BECK LACHOWICZ	OTP-AM	H-240

This bill establishes an open enrollment period for individual health insurance plans that is consistent with the open enrollment period established by federal regulations for health benefit exchanges, and provides for the same special enrollment periods as exist for coverage purchased through a health insurance exchange.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-240)**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment permits carriers to restrict enrollment in individual health insurance plans to open enrollment periods and special enrollment periods consistent with requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 271 permits carriers to restrict enrollment in individual health insurance plans to open enrollment periods and special enrollment periods consistent with requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Public Law 2013, chapter 271 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 14, 2013.