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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.

LD 824 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection To Develop a Rural Land Use Development Process**   ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
CAMPBELL J	ONTP	
COLLINS		

This resolve directs the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a rural land use development process that would exempt from state regulation the development in rural areas of certain land within significant wildlife habitat.

LD 825 **Resolve, To Study Climate Change and Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Environmental Protection Report on Climate Change**   VETO SUSTAINED

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
NOON	OTP-AM	H-374
GRATWICK	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Environmental Protection to resume its study on climate change pursuant to Resolve 2009, chapter 16 and to submit a completed plan with necessary implementing legislation by February 27, 2015 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environmental and natural resources matters. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-374)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and replaces the resolve. The amendment directs staff with planning expertise within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, within existing resources, to participate in a work group with other state agencies and interested parties to develop a plan to address high-priority recommendations provided in the report titled "People and Nature Adapting to a Changing Climate: Charting Maine's Course." The amendment directs the work group to submit a preliminary report by March 15, 2014 and a final report by January 15, 2015 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environmental and natural resources matters. The joint standing committee is authorized to report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

LD 844 **Resolve, To Require a Study of the Availability of Food Packaging without Bisphenol A**   ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
GIDEON	ONTP	
CLEVELAND		

This resolve requires the Department of Environmental Protection to determine practical and economically feasible food packaging alternatives that do not contain bisphenol A. The department is required to submit its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, which may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature in accordance with the department's recommendations.