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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 836

An Act Regarding the Use of Mobile Poultry Processing Units

PUBLIC 304

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

This bill defines "mobile poultry processing unit" and adds mobile poultry processing unit operators to persons required to be licensed by the State to buy, sell, prepare, process, pack, store, transport or otherwise handle meat, meat food products or poultry products in the State. It also permits a poultry producer to sell product exempt from inspection to locally owned restaurants and grocery stores.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 304 defines "mobile poultry processing unit" and adds mobile poultry processing unit operators to persons required to be licensed by the State to buy, sell, prepare, process, pack, store, transport or otherwise handle meat, meat food products or poultry products in the State. It also permits a poultry producer to sell product exempt from inspection to locally owned restaurants and grocery stores.

LD 837

An Act To Clarify the Laws Establishing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PUBLIC 405

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE	OTP-AM ONTP	H-339 H-354 DILL

This bill:

1. Establishes the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund Committee to advise the Maine Potato Board on the development of programs and activities that improve the economic viability of the potato industry and, together with the board and subject to approval of the commissioner, to administer the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund;
2. Transfers responsibility for maintaining the Aroostook County office from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Maine Potato Board;
3. Expands the mission statement of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to more accurately reflect the mission of the department;
4. Amends the principles that guide the department in the performance of its duties;
5. Refines the scope of the 2 deputy commissioners' oversight and specifies the qualifications of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry;
6. Authorizes the Finance Authority of Maine to make payments from the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund directly to the Maine Potato Board; and
7. Clarifies the intent of the Legislature regarding the incorporation of statutory language and removes contingent repeal language.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-339)

This amendment is the majority report. It strikes and replaces the bill.