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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

E. Eliminates a reference to one of the commissioners where both appear and makes a technical change; and

F. Implements the reorganization of a bureau within the Department of Conservation to a division within the new department and designates what had been the Off-road Recreational Vehicle Division within that bureau as the Off-road Recreational Vehicle Office.

Part E of Public Law 2013, chapter 405 states that it is the intent of the Legislature that curtailment of allotments imposed on the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry be imposed proportionally among the major units within the department with jurisdiction over distinct policy areas.

LD 838

Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Study Issues Relating to Liability of Apiary Owners and Operators

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| BLACK PATRICK | ONTP OTP | |

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish a working group to review the liability issues relating to apiary owners and operators. The resolve directs the commissioner to submit a written report of findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than February 1, 2014. The resolve gives the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry authority to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

LD 903

An Act To Enhance the Development and Implementation of Integrated Pest Management Programs

PUBLIC 290

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CRAY JACKSON T | OTP-AM | H-291 |

This bill increases the annual registration fee for pesticides from \$150 to \$165 effective January 1, 2014. The bill requires that the additional funds raised from the increase in the registration fees for pesticides are to be deposited in an account of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension and may be used only for integrated pest management programs established and administered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension with advice from the Integrated Pest Management Council. It also requires that 10% of the fee increase be used for competitive grants for integrated pest management projects by the faculty and staff at the University of Maine.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-291)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment increases the annual registration fee for pesticides from \$150 to \$160 effective January 1, 2014. The amendment requires that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control award an annual grant of not less than \$135,000 each April 1st to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension for development and implementation of integrated pest management programs. The amendment also requires that the Board of Pesticides Control monitor the funds to ensure adequate funding for this grant and other grants for integrated pest management programs upon advice from the Integrated Pest Management Council. The amendment also requires the board to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters by February 15th of each year.