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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 Veterans and Legal Affairs

LD 924 An Act To Prevent a Conflict of Interest of the Secretary of State

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAREY TUTTLE	ONTP	

This bill provides that a person may not serve as Secretary of State while that person is conducting a campaign for elected office.

LD 938 An Act To Update the Laws Relating to the Tri-state Lotto and the Payment of Prizes to Minors

PUBLIC 352

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI MASON A	OTP-AM	H-429

This bill clarifies the payment of lottery prizes to minors. It fixes a discrepancy between the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, sections 403 and 415 and sets the minimum payout by the Tri-state Lotto Commission for prizes to not less than 50% of gross sales. It allows for the Tri-state Lotto Commission to implement both draw and instant ticket games as part of the Tri-state Lotto game portfolio. It adds language to require the Tri-state Lotto Commission to offset against winnings, in addition to debts for child support, debts related to unemployment overpayment and tax liabilities.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-429)

This amendment establishes a definition of "electronic funds transfer" as it applies to payment of prizes and provides that a check or electronic funds transfer may be provided to a minor's family or guardian for payment of a prize issued by the Maine State Lottery or under the Tri-state Lotto Compact. The amendment also clarifies the bill with regard to authorizing administration of instant ticket games under the Tri-state Lotto Compact by inserting appropriate references.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 352 establishes a definition of "electronic funds transfer" as it applies to payment of prizes and provides that a check or electronic funds transfer may be provided to a minor's family or guardian for payment of a prize issued by the Maine State Lottery or under the Tri-state Lotto Compact. It allows for the Tri-state Lotto Commission to implement both draw and instant ticket games as part of the Tri-state Lotto game portfolio and provides clarification with regard to authorizing administration of instant ticket games under the Tri-state Lotto Compact by inserting appropriate references. Chapter 352 sets the minimum payout by the Tri-state Lotto Commission for prizes to not less than 50% of gross sales. Finally, chapter 352 adds language to require the Tri-state Lotto Commission to offset against winnings, in addition to debts for child support, debts related to unemployment overpayment and tax liabilities.

LD 941 An Act To Facilitate the Expansion of the State's Liquor Distribution System

PUBLIC 253

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ALFOND RUSSELL	OTP-AM ONTP	S-148