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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 Veterans and Legal Affairs**

This bill authorizes the licensing of 12 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 45,000 to provide larger municipalities with more equitable access to agency liquor stores.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-148)**

The bill authorizes the licensing of 12 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 45,000 to provide larger municipalities with more equitable access to agency liquor stores. This amendment amends the bill to allow up to 10 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 50,000.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 253 allows the licensing of up to 10 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 50,000. Under existing law the maximum number of stores in a municipality is eight.

**LD 981      An Act To Allow Candidate Name Tags on Election Day      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CASAVANT DUTREMBLE	ONTP	

This bill allows a candidate who stands outside the polls, within the designated area, to wear a name tag.

**LD 1001      An Act To Improve Laws Governing Financial Disclosure by Legislators      PUBLIC 401  
and Certain Public Employees and Public Access to Information  
Disclosed**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN BEAULIEU	OTP-AM	S-166 S-346 HILL

This bill amends financial disclosure laws applicable to Legislators and certain executive branch employees. Annual income received of \$2,000 or more must include a description as to the nature of the income. Ownership interests of 5% or more in business entities must be reported. Involvement as a responsible officer of a political party or political committee by the Legislator or executive employee, or by a member of that person's immediate family, must be reported. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices is directed to adopt rules that require reporting of income of \$2,000 or more in ranges. Finally, Legislators and executive employees are required to file their disclosure statements electronically and those statements must be on a publicly accessible website.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-166)**

This amendment clarifies language in the bill regarding the requirement that financial disclosure statements required to be filed by Legislators and certain executive branch employees be filed electronically and immediately placed on a publicly accessible website. It also allows the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to assist with the electronic filing if necessary. The amendment removes the requirement that the commission adopt routine technical rules to provide for income disclosures to be sorted in ranges based on amount. Instead, the amendment directs the commission to make recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, which may then submit a bill directing the commission to adopt major substantive rules to provide for income disclosures to be reported in ranges based on income amount.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-346)**