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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 1082 An Act Concerning the Ability of Off-premises Liquor Licensees To Dispense Liquor in Sealed Refillable Containers

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRATWICK CAMPBELL R	ONTP OTP	

This bill allows off-premises retail liquor licensees to dispense liquor from kegs into sealable refillable containers for resale.

LD 1086 An Act To Revise the Laws Governing Candidate Nominations by Petition

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VALENTINO LONGSTAFF	ONTP	

This bill amends the laws governing the nomination of candidates by petition in the following ways.

1. It provides that only an unenrolled voter may sign a nomination petition.
2. It changes the number of signatures that are required on a nomination petition for various offices to the same number that are required on a primary petition.
3. It changes the deadline for filing a nomination petition to March 15th, which is the same deadline as for a primary petition.

LD 1088 An Act To Provide Another Funding Source To Better Maintain Veterans' Cemeteries

ONTP

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

This bill requires 1.5% of net slot machine income from casinos to be credited to the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System Care Fund for the care and maintenance of veterans' graves within the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System.

LD 1104 An Act Relating to Sales of Lottery Tickets by Convenience Stores

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T LUCHINI	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

This bill amends the laws governing the sale of lottery tickets.

LD 1111 An Act To Allow Maine's Harness Racing Industry To Compete with Casino Gaming

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GIFFORD COLLINS		

This bill amends the eligibility requirements for slot machine operator licensing for a commercial track located within a three mile radius of a commercial track that supports track and harness racing. The bill eliminates the deadline for local approval of the operation of slot machines at a commercial track facility that is currently without slot machines and requires approved slot machines to be located in a building adjacent to the harness racing oval. It increases the amount of slot machines allowed in the State from 3,000 to 4,500 and subjects the slot machines to the existing racino taxes and regulatory system.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

LD 1210 An Act To Ensure Compliance with the Laws Governing Elections

PUBLIC 162

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI TUTTLE	OTP	

This bill authorizes the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to undertake audits and investigations to determine whether a person has violated the laws governing campaign reporting and finances, the Maine Clean Election Act or commission rules. The bill also authorizes the Attorney General to apply on behalf of the commission to enforce compliance with a subpoena issued to a nonresident person.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 162 authorizes the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices to undertake audits and investigations to determine whether a person has violated the laws governing campaign reporting and finances, the Maine Clean Election Act or commission rules. It also authorizes the Attorney General to apply on behalf of the commission to enforce compliance with a subpoena issued to a nonresident person.

LD 1211 An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning Absentee Ballots

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COTTA	ONTP OTP	

This bill imposes the same deadline for the preparation of municipal absentee ballots as is imposed on state absentee ballots for municipal and state elections that are held on the same day to facilitate the mailing of absentee ballots.