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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

**LD 1125      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Expand Public Water Infrastructure to Areas with Contaminated Well Water      CARRIED OVER**

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$2,000,000, will be used to establish a grant program to expand public water infrastructure to areas that experience well-water contamination.

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 1142      An Act Regarding Correctional Officers' Retirement      CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill provides that, for purposes of determining retirement benefits under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, state and county corrections employees are entitled to receive service credit for any period during which the employee was employed but unable to work due to a work-related injury compensable under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992.

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 1163      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Main Street and Downtown Economic Development Projects      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODALL DECHANT		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to provide funds for main street and downtown economic development projects, with \$12,000,000 to be awarded to municipalities that are not automatic recipients of federal Community Development Block Grant funds and \$8,000,000 to be awarded through open competitive grants for all municipalities.

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 1175      An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Retirement Benefits for Capitol Police Officers      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO KESCHL		

***Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs***

This bill provides that service retirement benefits for a Capitol Police officer in the employment of the Department of Public Safety be computed on the basis of all of the member's creditable service, regardless of when that service was earned.

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 1180      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Maine Community Reinvestment and Job Creation Fund      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GERZOFSKY PRIEST		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used to establish the Maine Community Reinvestment and Job Creation Fund, to benefit Brunswick Landing, formerly the Brunswick Naval Air Station, and to benefit the Loring Development Authority of Maine.

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 1223      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support the Maine Technology Institute's Action Plan Implementation      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN DILL		

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to provide funds over 5 years for research, development and commercialization for targeted technology sectors, awarded after a competitive process administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development, Maine Technology Institute.

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 1385      An Act To Amend the Reporting Requirements of the Workers' Compensation Management Fund      CARRIED OVER**

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

Current law requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to provide to the State Budget Officer and departments and agencies notice of quarterly premium payments due to the Workers' Compensation Management Fund so that the charges may be incorporated into the normal budgetary process. This bill instead requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Division of Employee Health and Benefits to inform the State Budget Officer of the premium charges for the fiscal year, and directs the State Budget Officer to advise any affected department or agency so those charges may be incorporated into the normal budgetary process. This bill also removes transitional language that was applicable in the 114th Legislature.