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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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

decisions about an individual.

This amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was committed to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and 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 1179 An Act To Create the Brunswick Landing Job Increment Financing Fund ONTP

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

This bill establishes the Brunswick Landing Job Increment Financing Fund. The fund receives job tax increment payments after the calculation of payments to the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund and other required funding attributable to new employees employed in the former Brunswick Naval Air Station base area after 2013. Transfers to the Brunswick Landing Tax Increment Financing Fund are paid to the Town of Brunswick.

LD 1195 An Act To Protect the Privacy of Job Applicants ONTP

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

This bill prohibits employers and agents of employers from obtaining consumer reports that contain information regarding creditworthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, debts, check-writing experience or insurability of an employee or prospective employee, and prohibits consumer reporting agencies from furnishing this information to anyone for employment purposes. This bill also creates a civil penalty of \$500 to \$1,000 applicable to employers or their agents for each violation of this law. Consumer reporting agencies may still furnish, and employers and their agents may still obtain, consumer reports on an employee or prospective employee that contain information regarding character, general reputation and personal characteristics.

LD 1196 An Act To Amend the Postgraduate Education Requirements for Physicians Who Have Completed an Accredited Residency Program in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLK CUSHING	ONTP	

This bill amends the postgraduate training requirements in the laws governing medical licenses to allow certain oral surgeons to qualify for a medical license that is limited to the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery, as defined by rule of the Board of Licensure in Medicine.

The bill provides that the license of a licensee who was issued an unrestricted license before January 1, 2010 may not be limited under the new provisions.