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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

LD 1197 **An Act To Allow Stores under 10,000 Square Feet To Be Open on Certain Holidays**

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHNSON D YOUNGBLOOD	ONTP OTP	

This bill allows stores having under 10,000 square feet of interior customer selling space to be open on Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The current maximum is 5,000 square feet.

LD 1198 **An Act To Protect Earned Pay**

**VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG PATRICK	OTP-AM ONTP	H-256

Under current law, a person who receives or is scheduled to receive remuneration in the form of vacation pay in excess of 4 weeks' wages is disqualified from receiving unemployment benefits for the week in which that remuneration is due. This bill removes that disqualification and additionally removes the requirement that holiday pay must offset unemployment benefits.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-256)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 1199 **An Act Regarding Mobile Home Ownership**

ONTP

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

This bill provides a mobile home owners' association with the right to make a competing offer to purchase a mobile home park upon notice from the owner of the mobile home park that the owner has received an offer to purchase the park and the owner intends to accept that offer. This bill also limits restrictions mobile home park rules may place on the activities of tenants and certain other people within the mobile home park and prohibits mobile home park rental agreements and rules from forbidding the formation of mobile home owners' associations or tenants joining those associations and from limiting certain activities of those associations.

LD 1201 **Resolve, Directing the Workers' Compensation Board To Study the Issue of Addressing Psychological and Physical Harm to Employees Due to Abusive Work Environments**

**VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GIDEON JACKSON T	OTP-AM	H-129