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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND**  
**ENACTED LAWS**

The *Digest* is arranged 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.

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 Second Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature is August 1, 2014. 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

items used in their production were genetically engineered; animal products derived from an animal that was not genetically engineered but was fed genetically engineered food; and products with only a minimum content produced by genetic engineering.

The law also provides that the disclosure requirements do not apply to restaurants, alcoholic beverages or medical food. The disclosure provisions are administered by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

Public Law 2013, chapter 436 goes into effect when legislation requiring mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food has been adopted by five contiguous states, including Maine.

**LD 1239**

**An Act To Clarify, Streamline and Promote Fair Animal Welfare Laws**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)

DAVIS

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

The bill repeals the definition of "intermittent agent" in the animal welfare laws. It changes the definitions of "kennel," "boarding kennel" and "breeding kennel" to create three new kennel license designations: personal kennel license, commercial boarding or training kennel license and commercial breeder kennel license. It also defines "serious bodily injury". The bill also makes the changes to the animal welfare laws necessary to reflect the changes made in the defined terms. It removes the provision of law that requires a person to obtain a vendor's license to sell a dog or cat.

**LD 1431 An Act To Support School Nutrition and Expand the Local Foods Economy**

**Veto Sustained**

Sponsor(s)

JOHNSON C  
HICKMAN

Committee Report

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Amendments Adopted

S-466  
S-495 LANGLEY

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Education to administer programs to support the expansion and coordination of the use of fresh local foods in public school food service programs. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry is directed to provide grants in two phases for the identification of local food suppliers and the establishment of local food hubs to connect local food producers with public school food service programs and facilitate the operation of local food programs in schools. The bill also directs the Department of Education to develop and support local food training programs for public school food service personnel and facilitate the use of local food hubs to expand the use of local foods in schools.

The bill also provides a bond issue in the amount of \$12,000,000 to be used to develop up to ten local food hubs.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-466)**

This amendment, which retains the emergency preamble and clause, strikes and replaces the bill and is the majority report. The amendment requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Education to administer programs to support the expansion and coordination of the use of fresh Maine foods in aggregated and institutional markets, including school food service programs.