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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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposes to identify and establish a stable funding source to support and encourage research and development in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-157)

This amendment replaces the bill, which was a concept draft. It increases the amount that the Maine Technology Institute may expend for management and related operating costs of the institute from 7% to 10% in order to allow for investments that increase the institute's effectiveness and the rate of commercialization of its portfolio companies. In addition, the amendment adds the Maine Maritime Academy to the list of campuses that may compete for research and development funding through the small campus initiative administered by the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 225 increases the amount that the Maine Technology Institute may expend for management and related operating costs of the institute from 7% to 10% in order to allow for investments that increase the institute's effectiveness and the rate of commercialization of its portfolio companies. In addition, the law adds the Maine Maritime Academy to the list of campuses that may compete for research and development funding through the small campus initiative, which is administered by the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System.

LD 1281

Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review Regarding the Proposal To License Recreational Therapists

**VETO
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LACHOWICZ CASSIDY	OTP-AM ONTP	S-117

This bill establishes a requirement for licensure of recreational therapists and a board to oversee the process of licensure and the conduct of licensees.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-117)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to conduct an independent assessment pursuant to the sunrise review requirements in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 1-A, subchapter 2 of the proposal to license recreational therapists. It requires the commissioner to submit a report no later than February 28, 2014 with any necessary legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development. It authorizes the committee to submit a bill on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

LD 1288 An Act Regarding Impairment of Health of a Correctional Employee Caused by Infectious Disease

ONTP

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

This bill provides that, with respect to disability retirement benefits under the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, a condition of impairment of health caused by an infectious disease resulting in total or partial disability or death of an employee of a correctional facility must, if that employee successfully passed a physical examination on entry into employment with the correctional facility or subsequently successfully passed a physical examination that