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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Committee Amendment "A" (S-237)

The amendment strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment removes the penalty of a Class E crime for a 3rd or subsequent violation of the animal trespass statute. The amendment maintains animal trespass as a civil violation but increases the fines for repeated violations. The amendment also clarifies the existing statutory restitution provision and maintains the new forfeiture provision proposed in the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 348 maintains animal trespass as a civil violation but increases the fines for repeated violations. Public Law 2013, chapter 348 also clarifies the existing statutory restitution provision and creates a new forfeiture provision.

LD 1285

An Act To Allow Law Enforcement Agencies Access to Animal Licensing Information

ONTP

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

This bill requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to create a statewide electronic database of dog licenses by January 1, 2014. The bill also requires that the database be accessible to all law enforcement agencies in the State for use in animal control. It also establishes the Animal Licensing Database Fund as a nonlapsing account within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The bill authorizes the commissioner to establish by rule fees to fund and maintain the electronic database of dog licenses and requires that rules adopted to establish these fees are major substantive rules.

LD 1286 An Act To Protect Maine Communities by Prohibiting Horse Slaughter for Human Consumption and the Transport of Horses for Slaughter

DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNIGHT KATZ	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill prohibits the slaughter of horses for human consumption and:

1. Bans the possession, sale, purchase, transportation and import into or export out of this State of a horse if the person knows or should know that the horse is meant to be slaughtered for human consumption;
2. Bans the possession, sale, purchase, transportation, import into or export out of this State of horseflesh if the person knows or should know that the horseflesh is for human consumption;
3. Bans the construction or operation of a facility that the person knows or should know is used or will be used for the slaughter of horses for human consumption; and
4. Repeals current law that allows horsemeat to be sold in this State as long as it is plainly and conspicuously labeled as such.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-376)

This amendment is the minority report. It amends the title and strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment prohibits the slaughter of horses for sale or barter for human consumption. It also prohibits the sale or barter of any