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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

product made in whole or in part from the flesh of a horse if a person knows or should reasonably have known that the flesh or the product made of the flesh was from a horse. The amendment also bans the transport of horses for the purposes of slaughter for human consumption and bans the construction or operation of horse slaughtering facilities. Violations of these prohibitions are civil violations for which a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000 may be adjudged for each violation.

LD 1287 An Act To Deregulate Face-to-face Transactions between the People and Small Farms and Small Food Producers **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HICKMAN SAVIELLO	OTP-AM OTP-AM	

This bill facilitates direct sales between Maine farmers and consumers. It allows persons preparing food in their own homes to sell directly to consumers or to offer homemade food at certain events without being licensed as food establishments.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-326)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, amends the definition of "farm food product" to exclude fluid milk and food requiring temperature control for safety. It also requires all farm food products and homemade food to contain labels containing specific information, including information about the food's producer and the food's ingredients, and a declaration that the food is sold for personal use and is exempt from licensing and inspection by the State. The amendment also states that an agricultural producer or home kitchen producer does not constitute an approved source of food for retail or wholesale use.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-327)

This amendment, which is the minority report, excludes fluid milk from the definition of "farm food product." It also requires all farm food products and homemade food to contain labels containing specific information, including information about the food's producer and the food product's ingredients, and a declaration that the food is sold for personal use and is exempt from licensing and inspection by the State.

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 1307 An Act To Establish the Livestock Damage Compensation Fund **ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill proposes to establish the Livestock Damage Compensation Fund as a nonlapsing fund within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The fund would compensate eligible farmers for damage done to livestock by coyotes and other wildlife. The bill requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish rules governing the Livestock Damage Compensation Fund no later than December 1, 2013.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-169)

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This amendment is the minority report. It provides that rules adopted by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry governing the use of the Livestock Damage Compensation Fund established in the bill are major substantive rules. The minority report was not adopted.

LD 1391 Resolve, To Provide a Pesticide Spraying Notification Process

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish a publicly accessible website that allows a person to place that person's name on a registry of those who wish to be notified of pesticides application by aircraft or air-carrier equipment in a given county. A person may register for notifications of pesticides application in more than one county. The publicly accessible website must allow a person who is going to apply pesticides by aircraft or air-carrier equipment to enter information about the application date, time and location and the types of pesticides to be applied and other information as determined by the department into the publicly accessible website at least one week before the application. The publicly accessible website must then generate e-mail messages to those listed on the appropriate county registry notifying them of the application of pesticides.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-101)

This amendment is the minority report. It clarifies that air-carrier equipment used in outdoor pesticides applications does not include air-assisted application equipment in which the airstream is directed to specific targeted specimens. The minority report was not adopted.

LD 1521 Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Create a Pilot Program To Support the State's Small Food Processors

CARRIED OVER

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

This resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to develop a pilot program to assist small food processors similar to the Maine Farms for the Future program.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

LD 1527 Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Parks and Public Lands To Convey Certain Lands and Enter into Certain Leases with the Federal Government

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILL JACKSON T	OTP-AM	H-258