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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 amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to convene a stakeholder group to review the proposed changes in federal and state safety and inspection regulations and rules governing sterile and nonsterile compounding pharmacies and identify any remaining gaps in the regulatory process that need to be addressed by state regulatory agencies in order to protect public health and safety. It directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to invite participation from the following stakeholders: the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmacy; the division of licensing and regulatory services and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services; and other interested parties from the medical and pharmaceutical communities. It also requires the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to submit a report on the study and authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature related to the subject matter of the report.

LD 1328 An Act To License Home Building and Improvement Contractors CARRIED OVER

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

This bill creates the Maine Home Contractor Licensing Act to establish licensing standards of practice and continuing education requirements for home contractors and home contractor salespersons.

This bill was 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 1329 An Act To Provide Equity for Seasonal Public School Employees Concerning Unemployment LEAVE TO WITHDRAW

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

This bill allows school employees, except those that work in an instructional, research or principal administrative capacity, to collect unemployment benefits during months they are not employed.

LD 1341 An Act Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development To Establish a Program To Promote Economic Growth and Development ONTP

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

This bill requires the Department of Economic and Community Development to establish and monitor a program to provide funds to be used for on-the-job training for people receiving general assistance. Funds will be used to provide training for workers of a local employer or business in partnership with the municipality and training for workers through the Maine Community College System in partnership with the municipality and to issue funds to local small businesses for projects in need of completion.