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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

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 363 clarifies that an employer may not require an employee or accepted applicant for employment to bear the expense of any copayments or other out-of-pocket expenses when the employer pays the medical expense of a medical exam ordered or required by the employer.

LD 1499 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Economic and Community Development To Adopt Certain Eligibility Requirements Regarding Community Development Block Grants **VETO SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T THERIAULT	ONTP OTP	

This resolve prohibits the Department of Economic and Community Development from establishing a minimum population requirement in the eligibility requirements of the housing assistance grant program and to allow certain community development strategies in the eligibility requirements of the public facilities grant program in the Community Development Block Grant Program statement.

LD 1506 An Act To Require Disclosures by 3rd-party Vendors Contracted To Perform Fund-raising **ONTP**

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

Current law places certain restrictions on professional solicitors, who are persons or companies that solicit donations on behalf of charitable organizations.

This bill requires a professional solicitor who receives more than 25% of the solicited donation to disclose to the donator the percentage of the donation the professional solicitor receives, the percentage of the donation the charitable organization receives, whether the donation is sent by the donator to the professional solicitor or to the charitable organization and whether the professional solicitor's fee is paid prior to or after the distribution of the donation to the charitable organization.

As under the current law, a failure to make the disclosures required by this bill is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act and an intentional violation is a Class D crime.

LD 1554 An Act To Increase International Cross-border Partnerships To Benefit Maine's Economy **PUBLIC 419**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE SHERMAN	OTP	

This bill appropriates \$5,250 in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 for the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law, chapter 416 appropriates \$5,250 in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 for the Maine-Canadian

Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

Legislative Advisory Commission.

LD 1565 An Act To Preserve Code Enforcement Officer Training and Certification

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)

CAREY

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill reassigns the responsibilities for code enforcement officer training and certification from the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development to the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land Quality Control. Current law partially funds the position from the Maine Code Enforcement Training and Certification Fund, which receives fees and surcharges imposed for the examination of plans for construction, reconstruction or repairs, plumbing inspections and training and certification of municipal building officials and code enforcement officers. Current law also provides that if insufficient funds are available to support the training and certification program, the program is discontinued. This bill removes that provision.

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).