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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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

This bill was acted upon without reference to committee.

This bill is the Governor's proposal to make appropriations and allocations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 and authorize limited-period positions not yet continued in a biennial budget to be occupied through June 30, 2013.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 248 makes appropriations to support MaineCare costs and provide funding in the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program to make cycle payment in fiscal year 2012-13 and authorize limited-period positions not yet continued in a biennial budget to be occupied through June 30, 2013.

Public Law 2013, chapter 248 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 14, 2013.

Public Law 2013, chapter 248 was repealed by Public Law 2013, chapter 377 (LD 1571) in order to avoid a double appropriation resulting from the enactment of the unified biennial budget (LD 1509, Public Law 2013, chapter 386).

LD 1571

An Act To Prevent the Double Funding of Certain MaineCare Costs

**PUBLIC 377
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)
HILL
ROTUNDO

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill was acted upon without reference to committee.

This bill is the Governor's proposal to repeal Public Law 2013, chapter 248, which contains appropriations and allocations that are duplicated in Public Law 2013, chapter 368, the unified budget bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 377 repeals Public Law 2013, chapter 248, which contains appropriations and allocations that are duplicated in Public Law 2013, chapter 368, the biennial budget bill.

Public Law 2013, chapter 377 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 28, 2013.

LD 1572

An Act To Correct Minor Technical Errors and Inconsistencies in the Unified Budget Bill

**HELD BY
GOVERNOR**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

H-575 ROTUNDO
H-581 ROTUNDO

This bill was reported by the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee pursuant to Joint Order, H.P. 1140.

This bill corrects minor technical errors and inconsistencies in Public Law 2013, chapter 368, the so-called unified budget bill, including:

1. Correcting a technical conflict created when 2 sections of the public law amended the same section of law;
2. Clarifying that the temporary increase in the sales tax to 5.5% applies to the services currently subject to the 5% sales tax;