

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND**  
**ENACTED LAWS**

The *Digest* is arranged 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.

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 Second Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature is August 1, 2014. 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 Health and Human Services***

**LD 1623      An Act To Further Protect Patient Access to Safe Medical Marijuana by Allowing Dispensaries To Purchase Excess Marijuana from Other Dispensaries      PUBLIC 503 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SANDERSON CRAVEN	OTP-AM	H-691

Under the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act, a registered dispensary may obtain prepared marijuana only from a primary caregiver. This bill allows registered dispensaries to purchase and sell excess prepared marijuana from and to each other.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-691)**

This amendment replaces the bill. This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause. This amendment defines "extended inventory supply interruption" and, in the event of an extended inventory supply interruption, allows a dispensary to obtain prepared marijuana from another dispensary and provide prepared marijuana to another dispensary.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2014, chapter 503 amends the laws on dispensaries for medical use of marijuana, defines "extended inventory supply interruption" and, in the event of an extended inventory supply interruption, allows a dispensary to obtain prepared marijuana from another dispensary and provide prepared marijuana to another dispensary.

Public Law 2013, chapter 503 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 2, 2014.

**LD 1636      An Act To Provide a More Efficient and Reliable System of Nonemergency Transportation for MaineCare Members      ONTP**

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

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to implement a new system to contract for and provide nonemergency transportation for MaineCare members within 30 days after the effective date of the bill. The bill requires the new system to use sole source contracts with regional public transportation agencies that had agreements on July 31, 2013 to provide MaineCare transportation services. The bill provides specific requirements for the contracts, requires the department to adopt performance standards and allows termination of contracts if the department determines that a regional public transportation agency has not met its contractual obligations. The bill requires one-year contracts that are renewable for up to three years. The bill provides a transition period during which regional public transportation agencies are not required to submit data to the department. The bill requires the department to apply to the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by April 1, 2014 for all necessary Medicaid waiver and state plan amendment approvals.

**LD 1640      An Act To Expand MaineCare for Veterans and Low-income Residents      Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T EVES	OTP-AM ONTP	S-464