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STATE OF MAINE
126TH 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 HOUSESHouse & 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
EMERGENCYenacted 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 126th 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs

conditions of the event, including generally applicable laws.

Chapter 531 also provides that a limited certificate of approval currently available to wine manufacturers who ship less than 120 gallons of wine into the State per year is also available to manufacturers of malt liquor subject to the same gallon limit.

Public Law 2013, chapter 531 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 8, 2014.

LD 1653 **An Act To Designate the Maine Armed Forces Museum Operated by the
Maine Military Historical Society as the Official State Military History
Museum** **PUBLIC 463**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASON G LONGSTAFF	OTP	

This bill designates the museum operated by the Maine Military Historical Society, the Maine Armed Forces Museum, as the official state military history museum.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 463 designates the museum operated by the Maine Military Historical Society, the Maine Armed Forces Museum, as the official state military history museum.

LD 1655 **An Act To Amend the Military Bureau Laws** **PUBLIC 469**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE BEAULIEU	OTP-AM	S-395

This bill specifies the duties of the Adjutant General as they relate to federal cost-sharing arrangements. The bill renames the Capital Repair Account the Capital Repair, Maintenance, Construction and Acquisition Account, specifies how the funds in that account may be spent and raises from \$300,000 or more to \$1,000,000 or more the cost of a capital repair project for which approval by the Legislature is required.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-395)

This amendment reduces the amount expended from the Capital Repair, Maintenance, Construction and Acquisition Account for a capital repair, maintenance and construction project or land acquisition that would require approval by the Legislature from \$1,000,000, as the bill proposes, to \$500,000. It also requires that any construction, maintenance or capital repair projects and any land acquisitions costing less than \$500,000 be included in the biennial report required by current law.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 469 specifies the duties of the Adjutant General as they relate to federal cost-sharing arrangements. The law renames the Capital Repair Account the Capital Repair, Maintenance, Construction and Acquisition Account. It specifies how the funds in that account may be spent and raises from \$300,000 or more to \$500,000 or more the cost of a capital repair project for which approval by the Legislature is required. Chapter 469 also specifies that any construction, maintenance or capital repair projects and any land acquisitions that come under the \$500,000 threshold be included in the biennial report required to be submitted under current law.