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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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AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

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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

LD 1670

Resolve, To Require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services To Report on the Administration of the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund

ONTP

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

This resolve requires the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs on the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund.

LD 1675 An Act To Streamline Gaming Laws

ONTP

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

This bill requires the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to solicit bids for the operation of a new casino located in southern Maine and directs the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board to issue a casino operator license to the entity that is awarded the bid. The casino operator must enter into an agreement with the municipality where the slot machines are located that provides for revenue sharing or other compensation of at least three percent of the net slot machine income. The fee for this license is \$5,000,000. The limit on the number of slot machines that may be registered in the State is raised from 3,000 to 5,000.

The casino operator must distribute 1% of gross slot machine income to the General Fund for the administrative expenses of the Gambling Control Board. The casino operator must distribute 39% of net slot machine income and 16% of net table game income as follows:

- 2 ½% for the administrative expenses of the Gambling Control Board and for the Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund;
- 20% to supplement harness racing purses;
- 5% to the Sire Stakes Fund;
- 8 ½% to the Agricultural Fair Support Fund;
- 5% to the municipality in which the slot machines and table games are located;
- 7 ½% to the county in which the slot machines and table games are located;
- 2 ½% to the municipalities that abut the municipality in which the slot machines and table games are located;
- 2 ½% to the Fund to Stabilize Off-track Betting Facilities;
- 1 ½% to a nonprofit fraternal organization fund established by rule;