

# 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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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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 Environment and Natural Resources**

(4) to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environmental and natural resources matters, and the committee is authorized to report out a bill relating to the recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

Public Law 2013, chapter 536 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 8, 2014.

**LD 1694      An Act To Improve the Water Quality of Inland Waters      ONTP**

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

This bill appropriates \$100,000 annually to the Department of Environmental Protection to provide \$80,000 to the Maine Lakes Society in its implementation of the LakeSmart program and \$20,000 for the purpose of analyzing the data gathered by the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program.

**LD 1731      An Act To Ensure Transparency and Accountability in Decisions by the Department of Environmental Protection      INDEF PP**

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

This bill restores to the Board of Environmental Protection the responsibility to review and approve routine technical rules and to review enforcement actions proposed by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. These responsibilities were removed from the Board of Environmental Protection in 2011. It also requires the Department of Environmental Protection to receive approval from the Board of Environmental Protection for revisions to the state implementation plan, required in the federal Clean Air Act. Current law requires the department to confer with the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resource matters before it proposes any revisions to the state implementation plan. It also requires the Department of Environmental Protection to notify the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters of all federal relicensing deadlines for dams located in the State. The department shall notify the committee no later than 60 days before each deadline and present to the committee the department's plan to address each deadline.

**LD 1744      An Act To Protect Maine Lakes      Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCABE GRATWICK	OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-781 S-534 HILL S-552 BOYLE

This bill amends the laws governing the Lakes Assessment and Protection Program. It prohibits the application of fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides and soil amendments within 25 feet of fresh surface waters. It establishes goals for developing a photographic record of the shorelines of lakes. It directs the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to develop training for municipalities relating to the laws regulating shoreland zoning. It also directs the Department of Environmental Protection to:

1. Develop an environmental leader certification program for landscape contractors;