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STATE OF MAINE
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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 Environment and Natural Resources

high-water line within which the prohibition applies and by removing the exception for persons applying fertilizer to stop, slow or remediate shoreline erosion or damage.

3. It removes the appropriations and allocations section.

Senate Amendment "B" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-552)

This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A" by removing the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

LD 1755	An Act To Amend the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Laws To Exclude Subsurface Waste Water Disposal Systems, Geothermal Heat Exchange Wells and Wells or Water Wells from the Definition of "Structure"	PUBLIC 489
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	S-417

This bill excludes subsurface waste water disposal systems from the definition of "structure" in the laws governing shoreland zoning.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-417)

This amendment retains the provision of the original bill that excludes subsurface waste water disposal systems from the definition of "structure" in the laws governing shoreland zoning but adds provisions to exclude geothermal heat exchange wells and wells or water wells from the definition as well.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 489 excludes subsurface waste water disposal systems, geothermal heat exchange wells and wells or water wells from the definition of "structure" in the laws governing shoreland zoning.

LD 1771	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 13: Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	ONTP OTP	

This resolve provides for legislative review of Portions of Chapter 13: Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining, a major substantive rule of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission.

LD 1772	Resolve, Regarding Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining	Veto Sustained
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM OTP-AM	H-769 H-776 WELSH

This resolve provides for legislative review of Chapter 200: Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.