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SECOND REGULAR SESSION



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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE,
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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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

3. It requires that, prior to certification as a qualified transformational expansion project business, the business must first become certified as a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business.
4. It changes the process by which the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development determines that a qualified transformational expansion project business is eligible to receive a certificate and the terms for revocation of the certificate and clarifies the term "incentives".
5. It changes the term "transformational business expansion project" to "qualified transformational expansion project business" in all the provisions of the bill except those affecting the Finance Authority of Maine Act.
6. It clarifies that if a business's certificate is revoked, the business is still responsible for fulfilling its responsibilities under any long-term, credit-enhanced financing that it received as a transformational business expansion project from the Finance Authority of Maine.
7. It clarifies the reimbursement process in the provisions governing the annual reimbursement for certain electricity supply costs for qualified transformational expansion project businesses.
8. It adds language in the provisions in the bill governing the right to refrain from joining a union in transformational expansion project businesses to clarify that the prohibitions are limited to employment in a military redevelopment zone in a qualified transformational expansion project business.
9. It adds an exemption from sales tax for tangible personal property and for the transmission and distribution of electricity to the incentives for a qualified transformational expansion project business.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-517)

This amendment, which is a minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, is identical to the committee's other minority report except for two changes. It removes the "right to refrain" provisions that prohibit requiring a person, as a condition of employment or continuation of employment at a qualified transformational expansion project business, to join a labor organization or pay any labor organization dues or fees. Additionally the amendment removes the provision in the bill and Committee Amendment "A" that allows a qualified transformational expansion project business engaged in workforce training under the Governor's Jobs Initiative Program to be eligible for funds under the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program.

LD 1836 An Act To Establish the Commission on Promoting Manufacturing in ONTP Maine

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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This bill establishes the Commission on Promoting Manufacturing in Maine. The commission is charged with establishing a plan to promote Maine as a more desirable place in which to develop manufacturing businesses, to provide education and training to prepare workers for new manufacturing and to make manufacturing in Maine more promotable.