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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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

LD 1846 **An Act To Require the Licensure of Scrap Metal Recyclers and Mobile Scrap Metal Dealers** **ONTP**

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

This bill requires scrap metal recyclers and mobile scrap metal dealers, as defined in the bill, to be licensed. The bill repeals the provision of law defining "scrap metal processor," but requires scrap metal recyclers and mobile scrap metal dealers to meet the same record-keeping requirements and restrictions as scrap metal processors.

This bill requires the Secretary of State to adopt routine technical rules establishing standards for scrap metal recyclers and mobile scrap metal dealers.

This bill also corrects cross-references and makes other technical changes.

LD 1854 **An Act Regarding Compensation for the Panel of Mediators** **PUBLIC 553**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CUSHING		S-525 CUSHING

This bill increases the payment for mediation services provided by the members of the Panel of Mediators from \$100 to \$300 for a four-hour period and removes the provision that allows mediators to be paid on a per-dispute-mediated basis. This bill also requires the Maine Labor Relations Board to report on the effect of these changes to payment of mediators.

This bill was acted upon without reference to committee.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-525)

This amendment removes a provision in the bill that proposed to repeal a law allowing mediators to be paid on a per-dispute-mediated basis. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 553 increases the payment for mediation services provided by the members of the Panel of Mediators from \$100 to \$300 for a four-hour period. This bill also requires the Maine Labor Relations Board to report on the effect of these changes to payment of mediators.