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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

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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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs***

Statutes, Title 36, section 5219-Y and the visual media production reimbursement established in Title 36, section 6902. The Department of Economic and Community Development is permitted to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the University of Maine to conduct the pilot project. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services and the Office of Fiscal and Program Review are required to evaluate the findings of the pilot project and to jointly report to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation whether the proposed changes to the visual media production credit and reimbursement would result in a negative or positive fiscal impact.

Part B of this bill repeals the certified visual media production credit and instead increases the reimbursement amount for certified production wages paid from 12% to 25% for residents of Maine, increases the cap on the reimbursement of wages from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and provides for a reimbursement of 20% of nonwage visual media production expenses. These changes take effect only if the result of the joint finding of Maine Revenue Services and the Office of Fiscal and Program Review is that the changes proposed in this Part would result in a positive fiscal impact on state revenue.

**LD 1855      An Act To Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of  
Bonds and Notes of the Town of Old Orchard Beach**

**P & S 28  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VALENTINO	OTP	

This bill validates the referendum of the Town of Old Orchard Beach conducted on November 8, 2011. The Town of Old Orchard Beach notified the voters of the referendum by posting specimen ballots rather than warrants or notices of election, which has created a legal technicality that could affect the marketability of the bonds to be issued for the addition to the Edith Belle Libby Memorial Library in the Town of Old Orchard Beach.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 28 validates the referendum of the Town of Old Orchard Beach conducted on November 8, 2011. The Town of Old Orchard Beach notified the voters of the referendum by posting specimen ballots rather than warrants or notices of election, which has created a legal technicality that could affect the marketability of the bonds to be issued for the addition to the Edith Belle Libby Memorial Library in the Town of Old Orchard Beach.

Private and Special Law 2013, chapter 28 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 26, 2014.

**LD 1857      An Act To Expand Services to Persons Who Are Disabled or Elderly on  
Wait Lists by Reducing Revenue Sharing**

**ONTP**

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

This bill increases funding on an ongoing basis for developmental services waivers under Department of Health and Human Services Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Sections 21 and 29 and Chapter III, Sections 21 and 29 for consumer-directed home-based care and for the brain injury residential and community services waiver. In fiscal year 2014-15, the increased funding is offset by a reduction in the General Fund for municipal revenue sharing. The bill states that, after fiscal year 2014-15, it is the intent of the Legislature that funding for these allocations is to be paid for through savings achieved in the MaineCare budget as a result of the elimination of eligibility for parents with a household income equal to or greater than 100% of the nonfarm income official federal poverty level.