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126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, 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 Judiciary

Section E-11 corrects a conflict in the sales tax laws when Part M and Part N of Public Law 2013, chapter 368 amended the same section without reference to each other. Part M increased the general sales tax temporarily. Part N clarified that the general sales tax applies to products transferred electronically. Section 11 corrects the conflict and expressly clarifies that the general sales tax applies to products transferred electronically. This is a technical change.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 588 corrects errors and inconsistencies in the laws of Maine. It also makes a few substantive corrections as requested by the committees of jurisdiction.

Public Law 2013, chapter 588 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 30, 2014.

LD 1863

An Act To Correct an Error in the Laws To Assist Victims of Human Trafficking

**PUBLIC 607
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

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BOYLE

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill was acted upon without reference to committee.

This bill corrects an inadvertent error made in the committee amendment to LD 1730, which was enacted as Public Law 2013, chapter 537. The intent was to impose an additional assessment to be paid to the Victims' Compensation Fund on persons convicted of engaging a prostitute, which is described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 853-B. The committee amendment was erroneously printed and adopted with the assessment being imposed on persons convicted of a violation of Title 17-A, section 853-A, which is engaging in prostitution. This bill corrects who is subject to the additional Victims' Compensation Fund assessment.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 607 corrects an inadvertent error made in Public Law 2013, chapter 537 concerning Victims' Compensation Fund assessments imposed on crimes related to prostitution. Public Law 2013, chapter 607 corrects who is subject to the additional Victims' Compensation Fund assessment by deleting the crime of engaging in prostitution and including the crime of engaging a prostitute.

Public Law 2013, Chapter 607 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 12, 2014.