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Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature coming from the

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS



This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CON RES XXX.....	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....	Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....	House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE.....	One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY.....	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE.....	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE.....	Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT.....	Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY.....	Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED.....	Joint Order passed in both bodies
PUBLIC XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX.....	Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED.....	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 277

An Act To Require Mapping of Conservation Easements and Public Lands

PUBLIC 331

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	OTP-AM	S-253

LD 277 directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office to develop and maintain a database containing information on public and private lands on which, for conservation or recreation purposes, development is prohibited or restricted. It directs the State Planning Office to work with the Maine Library of Geographic Information to produce and make available to the public a map on which these lands are located.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-253)

The committee amendment replaces the bill. It directs the Land for Maine's Future Board to include in its biennial report maps depicting publicly owned land and permanent interests in land held for conservation purposes. The maps are to provide a representation at a statewide level of the amount of land affected by conservation easements.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 331 directs the Land for Maine's Future Board to include in its biennial report maps depicting publicly owned land and permanent interests in land held for conservation purposes. The maps are to provide a representation at a statewide level of the amount of land affected by conservation easements.

LD 380

An Act To Protect the Public from Dangerous Dogs

**PUBLIC 170
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING J	OTP-AM	S-91

LD 380 establishes standards for a secure enclosure in which to confine a dangerous dog. It also allows the court to prohibit a person convicted of violating a court order pertaining to a dangerous dog from possessing or keeping a dog.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-91)

The committee amendment authorizes a court to order the owner or keeper of a dangerous dog to provide the animal control officer with identifying information for each dog kept by that person, to have dogs kept on that person's premises permanently identified and to order dogs kept on the premises to be confined in a secure enclosure. It also specifies when a dog confined in a secure enclosure by a court order is allowed out of that enclosure and the restraints that must be used.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 170 authorizes a court to order the owner or keeper of a dangerous dog to provide the animal control officer with identifying information for each dog kept by that person, to have dogs kept on that person's premises permanently identified and to order dogs kept on the premises to be confined in a secure enclosure. It also specifies when a dog confined in a secure enclosure by a court order is allowed out of that enclosure and the restraints that must be used.

Public Law 2007, chapter 170 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 25, 2007.