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

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and 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. 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 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 First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is September 28, 2011. 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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 55 **An Act To Restore Hunting Rights in the Katahdin Lake Region** **ONTP**

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

LD 55 directs the Baxter State Park Authority to allow hunting on the approximately 4,040-acre parcel surrounding Katahdin Lake that was transferred to the authority for inclusion in the park in December 2006. It allows the authority to place restrictions on certain types of hunting through rulemaking.

LD 67 **An Act Relating to Standardbred Horse Breeding** **PUBLIC 16
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAY SHERMAN	OTP-AM	H-9

LD 67 provides that Maine Standardbred stallions registered in the State on January 1st of the breeding year may breed with mares in the State. A stallion that is not registered on January 1st may breed upon payment of the registration fee and a late payment fee.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)

This amendment clarifies the intent of LD 67 and limits the extended period for registering a stallion to stand at stud to the 2011 and 2012 breeding seasons .

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 16 allows a stallion to be registered at any time prior to July 15th to stand at stud in Maine for the purpose of siring foals eligible to be registered as Maine Standardbred horses. It requires a late fee to be paid in addition to the registration fee for registrations after January 1st. This provision is in effect for the 2011 and 2012 breeding seasons and is repealed on December 31, 2012.

Public Law 2011, chapter 16 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 31, 2011.

LD 89 **An Act Regarding Repeated Animal Trespass** **PUBLIC 18
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCABE LANGLEY	OTP-AM	H-17

LD 89 includes within the animal trespass law repeated instances of trespass by an animal or animals as a civil violation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-17)