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**STATE OF MAINE**  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST 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

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 125<sup>th</sup> 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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 Insurance and Financial Services*

**LD 401 An Act To Enhance Penalties To Protect Senior Investors**

**PUBLIC 37**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KATZ	OTP-AM	S-16

This bill enacts measures that empower the Securities Administrator and the Maine courts to enhance the penalties for violations of the Maine Uniform Security Act that affect citizens 65 years of age or older.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-16)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 37 enacts measures that empower the Securities Administrator and the Maine courts to enhance the penalties for violations of the Maine Uniform Security Act that affect citizens 65 years of age or older.

**LD 402 An Act To Improve Credit Reporting Regarding Consumers without a Credit History**

**ONTP**

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

This bill prohibits a user of a consumer report from assigning a consumer a low credit score solely on the basis of a consumer's having no credit history if the consumer can demonstrate the ability to meet that consumer's financial obligations without borrowing on credit.

**LD 410 An Act To Repeal the Provisions in the Insurance Laws Governing Guaranteed Issue and Community Rating**

**ONTP**

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

This bill repeals the laws governing guaranteed issue and community rating for individual health insurance. The bill also repeals the laws governing community rating in the small group health insurance market. The bill applies to all individual and small group health insurance policies, certificates and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2012.

While LD 410 was voted "Ought Not to Pass", related substantive provisions amending the laws governing guaranteed issue and community rating were included in LD 1333, An Act to Modify Rating Practices for Individual and Small Group Health Plans and to Encourage Value-based Purchasing of Health Care Services. See LD 1333, which was enacted as Public Law 2011, chapter 90.