

# STATE OF MAINE $125^{\text{TH}}$ 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
	chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
	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.
	FINAL PASSAGE emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
	GE failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT	legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
	has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW	sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
	ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP	indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINOR	ITY 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	
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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development

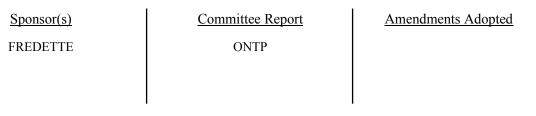
Safety for the cost of conducting the fingerprinting and state and national criminal history record checks. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

#### LD 406 Resolve, To Clarify the Scope of Practice of Licensed Alcohol and Drug ONTP Counselors Regarding Tobacco Use

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
CAIN ALFOND	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors to adopt rules for the licensure of alcohol and drug counselors by October 1, 2011 to include tobacco addiction as a drug addiction and clarify that treatment for tobacco addiction is within an alcohol and drug counselor's scope of practice.

# LD 438An Act To Provide Seed Money for the Construction of Senior HousingONTPin the Town of Newport



This bill provides funding to seed a public-private partnership for construction of senior housing in the Town of Newport contingent upon the community's contributing matching funds on a one-to-one basis.

#### LD 447 An Act To Raise the Minimum Wage

#### MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
TUTTLE JACKSON	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

This bill requires the minimum wage to increase to \$7.75 per hour starting October 1, 2011 and \$8.00 per hour starting October 1, 2012.

# LD 453An Act To Facilitate the Establishment of a Business in Maine byONTPProviding Assistance with Document Completion0

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
AYOTTE SHERMAN	ONTP	