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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 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 Health and Human Services*

**LD 499**      **An Act To Protect Persons in Residential Care Who Are under Limited Guardianship**      **ONTP**

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

This bill requires licensed residential care facilities that have as residents persons under limited guardianship under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18-A, section 5-105 to certify as a condition of licensure or renewal a knowledge and understanding of limited guardianship.

**LD 509**      **An Act To Establish Emergency Shelter Family Homes To Host Youth Referred by the Department of Corrections**      **PUBLIC 385**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAVEN	OTP-AM	S-255

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to establish a category of licensing for host homes to provide short-term emergency shelter and care for youth who are 14 to 18 years of age and who cannot live at home because of family conflict or other concerns.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-255)**

The bill is a concept draft. This amendment replaces the bill, changes the title and authorizes a licensed emergency shelter to operate an emergency shelter family home for youths in order to provide them with voluntary, safe, emergency housing with trained families or individuals in locations as close as reasonably possible to the home communities of the youths if the shelter has a contract with the Department of Corrections, the Department of Corrections refers the youths and the parents or legal guardians of the youths are in agreement.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 385 authorizes a licensed emergency shelter to operate an emergency shelter family home for youths in order to provide them with voluntary, safe, emergency housing with trained families or individuals in locations as close as reasonably possible to the home communities of the youths if the shelter has a contract with the Department of Corrections, the Department of Corrections refers the youths and the parents or legal guardians of the youths are in agreement.