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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 544 An Act To Eliminate Duplication of Paint Disclosure and Radon Requirements**

**PUBLIC 96**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CUSHING COURTNEY	OTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

The bill eliminates the duplication of state and federal lead-based paint disclosure requirements and amends the law requiring radon testing of residential buildings to exempt buildings used exclusively for short-term or seasonal rentals of less than 100 days.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-82)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment removes the provision of the bill that exempts buildings used exclusively for short-term or seasonal rentals of less than 100 days from the law requiring radon testing of residential buildings by landlords.

Committee Amendment "A" was not adopted.

**House Amendment "A" (H-96)**

This amendment limits the exemption from radon testing created in the bill for certain residential buildings to those residential buildings used exclusively for rental under a nonrenewable short-term lease of 100 days or less during the period between May 1st and October 31st. The effect of this amendment is that those buildings leased from November 1st to April 30th, even if under a short-term lease, will continue to be required to be tested for radon.

House Amendment "A" was not adopted.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 96 eliminates the duplication of state and federal lead-based paint disclosure requirements and amends the law requiring radon testing of residential buildings to exempt buildings used exclusively for short-term or seasonal rentals of less than 100 days.

**LD 567 An Act To Prevent Insurer Limits on Certain Dental Fees**

**ONTP**

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

This bill prevents insurers from limiting dental fees that are not covered by the insurer or the portion of a dental fee that exceeds the amount covered.