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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE,  
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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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

**LD 679      Resolve, To Leverage Federal Opportunities for Job Creation in Maine**

**RESOLVE 29**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PETERSON	OTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to review federal initiatives and pending federal legislation that promote the development of new employment, particularly employment in the manufacturing sector. The department shall identify initiatives to be undertaken on a state and local level that have the potential to leverage federal funding and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development by December 1, 2011.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 29 directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to review federal initiatives and pending federal legislation that promote the development of new employment, particularly employment in the manufacturing sector. The department is required to identify initiatives to be undertaken on a state and local level that have the potential to leverage federal funding and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development by December 1, 2011.

**LD 691      An Act To Establish Continuing Education Requirements for  
Manufactured Housing Installers**

**LEAVE TO  
WITHDRAW**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAMPER HASTINGS	LV/WD	

This bill requires 10 hours of continuing education for manufactured housing installers licensed in Maine as prescribed in the rules of the Manufactured Housing Board. The bill requires that courses approved by the board must be designed to maintain and enhance the knowledge and skills of licensees related to the installation of manufactured housing.

**LD 698      An Act To Bring Wage Equity to the Workplace**

**ONTP**

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

This bill prohibits the payment of wages to the highest paid employee that are 10 times higher than the wages paid to the lowest paid employee at the same workplace if the employer has 50 or more employees and the employer receives a state tax credit, state tax break or state funds or is a contractor for public works construction.