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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 125th 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 125th 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 889 An Act To Regulate Boxing and Prizefighting in Maine

PUBLIC 305

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PETERSON MASON	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-451

This bill amends the law that creates the Mixed Martial Arts Authority of Maine to include boxing and renames the authority the Combat Sports Authority of Maine.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-451)

This amendment provides that members of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine may be compensated for per diem and expenses from revenue received by the authority in accordance with the bylaws of its board of directors. It requires that rules establishing fees, including promotion fees, are major substantive rules. It also adds a cross-reference to the disclosure and conflict-of-interest requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 18.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 305 amends the law that creates the Mixed Martial Arts Authority of Maine to include boxing and renames the authority the Combat Sports Authority of Maine. The law provides that members of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine may be compensated for per diem and expenses from revenue received by the authority in accordance with the bylaws of its board of directors. It also provides that rules establishing fees, including promotion fees, are major substantive rules and it adds a cross-reference to the disclosure and conflict-of-interest requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 18.

LD 893 An Act To Require an Employer To Provide Notification Regarding the Employer's Personal Leave Policy to Employees

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill requires that an employer provide notice to an employee regarding whether the terms of employment include provisions for paid personal leave and whether upon cessation of employment accrued personal leave has the same status as wages earned. The notification may be accomplished by including in an employee handbook the policy on personal leave or by posting the policy on personal leave in a conspicuous common area in the place of employment.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-48)

This amendment is the minority report and strikes the bill. It requires employers who have a paid vacation or earned paid time off policy to provide employees with written notice describing how the time is earned and accumulated and whether the time will be paid upon termination of employment. The amendment describes four acceptable notification procedures and defines "earned paid time off." This amendment was not adopted.