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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 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 915 An Act To Clarify the Exemption of Lineworkers from Maine Electrician Licensing Laws

**PUBLIC 290
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FITTS	OTP-AM	H-395

This bill clarifies that lineworkers of public utilities and electric generators, including contractors working on their behalf, are exempt from the electrician licensing laws.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-395)

This amendment makes the following changes to the bill:

1. It strikes the generator exception in the bill and replaces it with an exception for electrical work on aboveground electric lines of one kilovolt or more;
2. It removes the references to "generator" in the exception for contractors in the bill; and
3. It repeals the definition of "public service corporation" since it is no longer used in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 290 provides that lineworkers of public utilities, including contractors working on their behalf, are exempt from the electrician licensing laws, and provides an exception to the electrician licensing laws for electrical work on aboveground electric lines of one kilovolt or more. The law also repeals the definition of "public service corporation" since it is no longer used in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32.

Public Law 2011, chapter 290 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 10, 2011.

LD 928 An Act To Repeal the Requirement That Electrical Companies Be Licensed

PUBLIC 406

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

This bill repeals the requirement that electrical companies be separately licensed by the State. This bill does not affect the existing laws governing the licensing of individual electricians.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 406 repeals the requirement that electrical companies be separately licensed by the State.