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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 1007 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Comprehensive Planning To Encourage the Development of Affordable Housing INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOULTON SULLIVAN	OTP-AM	H-320

This bill provides additional details of the process for municipalities or multimunicipal regions with regard to development of affordable housing as part of a comprehensive plan.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-320)

This amendment replaces the bill. It amends the statute governing land use regulation that allows a municipality to enact an ordinance to require the construction of off-site capital improvements or payment of impact fees instead of capital improvements, including the construction, expansion or replacement of infrastructure facilities, by adding affordable housing to the list of infrastructure facilities.

LD 1026 An Act To Regulate the Distribution of Feature Motion Pictures in the State ONTP

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

This bill establishes fair business practices for the licensing and distribution of feature motion pictures in the State to ensure timely public access to artistic expression and opinion in feature motion pictures at reasonable prices and in reasonable locations, to regulate unfair practices and to promote competition in the licensing and distribution of feature motion pictures.

This bill provides requirements for motion picture exhibitors and distributors that are intended to allow independently owned movie theaters to compete with larger theaters and circuits in the State. It is intended to promote the expansion and new construction of motion picture theaters throughout the State, thereby encouraging employment and economic development.

LD 1050 An Act To Encourage the Promotion of Outdoor Recreational Activities ONTP

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

This bill provides that 25% of the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund within the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism must be used for the promotion of noncommercial, outdoor natural resources-based activities. It requires that 85% of the 25% go to promote outdoor activities under the jurisdiction of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and that the remaining 15% go to promote outdoor nonconsumptive activities such as cross-country skiing, kayaking, hiking and wildlife watching.