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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 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.