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**STATE OF MAINE**  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs*

**LD 1134 An Act To Make Municipal Recounts Consistent with State Recounts**

**PUBLIC 255**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODALL	OTP-AM	S-176

This bill makes most provisions governing recounts of state elections for office and ballot initiatives apply to recounts of municipal elections for office and referenda.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-176)**

This amendment clarifies that election officials may take part in municipal recounts of elections. It also provides that a preliminary inspection of the ballots and the incoming voting list may be requested to determine whether or not to request a recount as established by the bill. That inspection process is based on what is in current law for the inspection of ballots at the municipal level. This amendment also makes technical changes to the bill, replacing the term "ballot inspection" with the term "recount" where applicable.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 255 applies the process that governs recounts of state elections for office and ballot initiatives to recounts of municipal elections for office and referenda. Unlike state recounts, the municipal process established in this law provides that a preliminary inspection of the ballots and the incoming voting list may be requested to determine whether or not to request a recount as established by the bill. That inspection process is based on what is in current law for the inspection of ballots at the municipal level.

**LD 1140 An Act To Amend the Dual Liquor License Law**

**ONTP**

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

This bill allows a licensee who has a dual liquor license to serve wine and malt liquor on the premises. This bill also extends the time that wine and malt liquor may be served to 11:00 p.m.

**LD 1141 An Act To Allow Direct Shipment of Beer and Wine by Retail Licensees**

**ACCEPTED  
ONTP REPORT**

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

This bill allows off-premise retail licensees of beer and wine to direct ship beer and wine in and outside the State subject to certain conditions, including: