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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**

- 2. It eliminates the requirement that lobbyists and employers of lobbyists file annual reports with the commission.
- 3. It establishes the procedure for the commission to follow after a registration or report is filed late and defines "mitigating circumstances" for purposes of determining in which cases the commission may waive a penalty.

**LD 1155      An Act To Allow Harness Racing Betting To Be Conducted at Class A Lounges      PUBLIC 99**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAY SHERMAN	OTP	

This bill allows an off-track betting facility to be operated at a Class A lounge as long as all other requirements for licensure as an off-track betting facility are satisfied.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 99 allows an off-track betting facility to be operated at a Class A lounge as long as all other requirements for licensure as an off-track betting facility are satisfied.

**LD 1180      An Act To Transfer Responsibility for Oversight of Games of Chance to the Gambling Control Board      ONTP**

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

This bill transfers the responsibility of the administration of the laws governing beano and games of chance from the Chief of the State Police to the Executive Director of the Gambling Control Board within the Department of Public Safety. It also requires the executive director to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs with recommended legislation to ensure that the executive director has been vested with the authority to completely administer those laws.

**LD 1190      An Act To Support Maine Veterans Nonprofit Corporations      MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CORNELL DU HOUX PATRICK	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill establishes the Casino Veterans Fund, funded by 2% of casino gambling revenues, to award grants to nonprofit corporations that support or assist veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States.