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Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature coming from the

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS



This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill 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 bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

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| CON RES XXX..... | Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses |
| CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... | Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died |
| DIED BETWEEN BODIES..... | House & Senate disagree; bill died |
| DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... | One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill |
| DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... | Action incomplete when session ended; bill died |
| EMERGENCY..... | Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days |
| FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... | Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote |
| FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... | Bill failed to get majority vote |
| FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... | Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote |
| NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... | Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died |
| INDEF PP..... | Bill Indefinitely Postponed |
| ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)..... | Ought Not To Pass report accepted |
| OTP-ND..... | Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft |
| P&S XXX..... | Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law |
| PASSED..... | Joint Order passed in both bodies |
| PUBLIC XXX..... | Chapter # of enacted Public Law |
| RESOLVE XXX..... | Chapter # of finally passed Resolve |
| UNSIGNED..... | Bill held by Governor |
| VETO SUSTAINED..... | Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto |

Please note that the effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development

LD 30 **Resolve, To Decrease Landfill Costs and Protect the Environment through a Beverage Container Reuse Program**

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FAIRCLOTH | ONTP | |

This resolve directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Health and Human Services, to study the economics of a beverage container reuse program in Maine.

LD 121 **An Act To Strengthen the Home Construction Contract Laws**

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CRAVEN ROTUNDO | ONTP | |

This bill amends the laws relating to construction contracts by:

1. Directing the Attorney General to enforce the provision of the contract requiring the contractor to submit to dispute resolution;
2. Requiring a contractor that is subject to the construction contract provisions to post a \$10,000 bond to ensure the contract's warranty provision; and
3. Requiring a judgment against a contractor for a violation of a contract to include court costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

LD 177 **An Act To Clarify the Requirements for Temporary Licensure of Psychologists**

PUBLIC 10

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BROMLEY | OTP | |

This bill specifies that applicants for temporary licensure by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists must possess at least 1,500 hours of postdoctoral experience, which is the standard currently contained in the Board's rules.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 10 specifies that applicants for temporary licensure by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists must possess at least 1,500 hours of postdoctoral experience, which is the standard currently contained in the Board's rules.