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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:

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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

LD 188

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Public Transportation in Rural Areas

ONTP

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$2,500,000, provide for public transportation in rural areas of the State.

Public Law 2007, chapter 39 enacted a similar bond proposal.

LD 189

An Act To Invest in an Allied Health Center at Northern Maine Community College

CARRIED OVER

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

This bill makes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2007-08 to Northern Maine Community College to help fund a collaborative allied health center in partnership with the University of Maine at Presque Isle, the State and local health care providers. This funding is to be used primarily to purchase equipment for the center.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 123rd Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1369.

LD 190

An Act To Fund Business Attraction Efforts

ONTP

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

This bill makes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$200,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2007-08 for Maine and Company to support business attraction, retention and expansion efforts.

LD 194

An Act To Establish More Probation Officer Positions in the Department of Corrections for Better Oversight of Sex Offenders

ONTP

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

LD 194 makes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$709,758 in fiscal year 2007-08 and \$993,092 in fiscal year 2008-09 to establish 12 new Probation Officer positions within the Department of Corrections to be dedicated for the oversight of convicted sex offenders.