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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 Taxation

LD 640 **An Act To Assess Farm Buildings at Current Use Value**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HOLMAN NUTTING J	ONTP	

This bill allows buildings used for farming or agricultural activities that are located on farmland to be assessed at their current use value.

LD 641 **An Act To Amend the Nonresident Income Tax Filing Requirements**

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOODBURY NASS R	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-602

This bill amends the minimum taxability threshold for nonresidents by increasing from 10 to 45 the number of days a nonresident must be performing personal services in Maine before the compensation is considered Maine-source income. This bill also establishes a number of personal services that, when performed in Maine, do not count towards the 45-day threshold.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-602)

This amendment provides new minimum taxability thresholds for nonresidents. The new thresholds permit greater income-earning activity by nonresidents in the State before Maine income tax liability is triggered. The amendment also excludes from the determination of taxability in the State up to 24 days of personal services related to certain training, management functions, equipment upgrade and new investment. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was placed on the Special Appropriations Table and died on adjournment.

LD 665 **An Act Regarding the Calculation of Tree Growth Reimbursements to Municipalities**

ONTP

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

This bill changes the formula for calculation of state reimbursement to municipalities for lost revenue under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law by deleting the adjustment for additional general purpose aid for local schools resulting from the reduced state valuation due to tree growth valuations.

LD 668 **An Act To Reallocate Revenues from the Real Estate Transfer Tax**

ONTP

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