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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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety

LD 631 An Act To Strengthen OUI Laws As They Pertain to Drugs

PUBLIC 63

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

This bill adds makes the results of urine-drug level and blood-drug level hospital tests admissible as evidence along with blood-alcohol level test results.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 63 makes the results of urine-drug level and blood-drug level hospital tests admissible as evidence along with blood-alcohol level test results.

LD 632 An Act To Reduce Maine's Property Tax Burden by Funding County Jails BY REQUEST

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GILES	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill establishes a statutory requirement for the Department of Corrections to pay 50% of all operating costs for county jails statewide.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-541)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and incorporates a fiscal note. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 649 Resolve, To Ensure Pet Safety during Emergencies

ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Maine Emergency Management Agency, in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture, to develop a plan to rescue and provide shelter for service animals and pets during a state of emergency. No later than December 5, 2007, the Maine Emergency Management Agency shall submit a report that includes its plan, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The Maine Emergency Management Agency may submit legislation related to its plan for introduction to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature at the time of submission of its report.

See LD 676, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study Maine's Homeland Security Needs," which addresses the consideration of pet safety in emergencies.