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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 Business, Research and Economic Development

LD 671 An Act To Amend the Laws Dealing with the Posting of Gas Prices

PUBLIC 86

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND	OTP-AM	S-45

This bill changes the current law to permit price readings built into the fuel pump as a means by which retail motor fuel sellers fulfill the requirement to make fuel prices visible at the pump.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-45)

This amendment replaces the bill. It changes current law to permit a retail seller of fuel to use price readings, digital or analog, built into the pump that reflect the actual price of the fuel pumped to fulfill the statutory requirement to make fuel prices visible at the pump. It requires that a sign of no less than 64 square inches be used on the pump if either the price on the pump differs from the price posted on the roadside sign due to a difference in grade of fuel or service or the retailer does not have a roadside sign.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 86 changes current law to permit a retail seller of fuel to use price readings, digital or analog, built into the pump that reflect the actual price of the fuel pumped to fulfill the statutory requirement to make fuel prices visible at the pump. It requires that a sign of no less than 64 square inches be used on the pump if either the price on the pump differs from the price posted on the roadside sign due to a difference in grade of fuel or service or the retailer does not have a roadside sign.

LD 677 Resolve, Directing the Development of a Building Code and Building Rehabilitation Code Implementation Plan

RESOLVE 46

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-94

This resolve is a recommendation of the Community Preservation Advisory Committee. The bill directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office, with assistance from the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, to develop a plan for implementing the Maine Model Building Code and the International Existing Building Code.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-94)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment changes the resolve to include the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation in the group of agencies directed to develop a plan for implementing the Maine Model Building Code and the International Existing Building Code. It also includes a requirement that the agencies identify overlap between model codes and the codes and standards listed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 9703 and the advantages and disadvantages of maintaining the current state fire code or changing to the International Fire Code. It also requires the agencies to identify measures that allow for preserving the artistic and architectural integrity of historic structures without unreasonable risk to life and safety.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 46 directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office, with assistance from the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of