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**STATE OF MAINE**  
123<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> 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 123<sup>rd</sup> 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*

Centers and early college readiness programs.

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

### **LD 647 An Act To Encourage Economic Development**

**ONTP**

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

This bill makes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$750,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2007-08 for local economic development efforts in rural counties to be distributed based on objective criteria.

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

### **LD 657 An Act To Provide Funding for Transitional Employment Training Opportunities for Persons with Mental Illness**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

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

This bill makes one-time and ongoing General Fund appropriations for Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center's transitional employment training programs for people with mental illness.

The Department of Health and Human Services indicated that some existing funding would be dedicated to this effort.

### **LD 670 An Act To Promote Economic Growth through Entrepreneurship, the Creative Economy and Rural Economic Development**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

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

This bill makes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$700,000 in fiscal year 2007-08 and \$1,800,000 in fiscal year 2008-09 to the University of Maine System to enhance activities in entrepreneurship education, leadership and community outreach; expand academic programs in multimedia software and technologies necessary to the support, production and management of the creative economy; and create a Center for Rural Sustainable Development to engage in research on issues important to those who live in rural areas.

### **LD 674 An Act To Restore Funding to the Maine Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee**

**P & S 29**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN	OTP	S-363 ROTUNDO

LD 674 makes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$20,500 per year for the Maine Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee program.

# Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

## Senate Amendment "A" (S-363)

This amendment reduces the General Fund appropriation and makes a General Fund appropriation of \$10,000 for fiscal year 2007-08 for the Maine Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee program.

### Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2007, chapter 29 provides a General Fund appropriation of \$10,000 for fiscal year 2007-08 for the Maine Joint Environmental Training Coordinating Committee Program.

## LD 707 An Act To Fund the Fractionation Development Center

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT B	OTP	

This bill makes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$350,000 per year for the Fractionation Development Center.

## LD 718 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Stimulate the Midcoast Economy

**ONTP**

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, are to be used for economic stimulation to the midcoast area of Maine for infrastructure improvement and property acquisition directly related to economic development and job growth, to help businesses and landlords through the transition period of the decommissioning of Brunswick Naval Air Station, to provide funding for the expansion of existing business, to provide venture capital for start-ups and expansion of existing businesses, to fund research and development projects in the midcoast area by the Maine Technology Institute and to improve the rail and highway infrastructures.

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

## LD 721 An Act To Restore Support for HIV and AIDS Treatment and Prevention

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN TURNER		

This bill makes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$600,000 per year to the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention in the Department of Health and Human Services for HIV and AIDS treatment and prevention.

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