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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 Health and Human Services

LD 725 An Act To Ensure Retail Tobacco License Compliance

PUBLIC 172

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

This bill requires a tobacco retailer to document a current retail tobacco license before a distributor can ship cigarettes to that retailer. This bill ensures all tobacco retailers are licensed in order to purchase cigarettes from distributors to be sold at retail.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 172 requires tobacco retailers to prove that they are licensed before a distributor ships to the retailer.

LD 726 An Act To Provide Services for Adults with Diagnoses of Mental Retardation and Other Developmental Disabilities

PUBLIC 152

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLER MARRACHE	OTP-AM	H-161

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide mental retardation and other developmental disabilities supports and services to the extent of available funding. It requires reports by January 15th of each year to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on unmet needs for supports and services and the waiting list for each type of service and support.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-161)

This amendment changes the bill by deleting the requirement that the Department of Health and Human Services report on the unmet needs for supports and services for people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. It requires the departments represented by the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition to make recommendations on methods to coordinate information and data that would facilitate the identification and tracking of the needs of persons with mental retardation, serious emotional disturbance, pervasive developmental disorder or other developmental disabilities to the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition. It requires the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition to include these recommendations in its annual report to the Legislature. It requires the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council to provide information from the analysis required by the federal government related to the needs of people with disabilities in the State to the Legislature by January 31st of each year.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 152 requires the departments represented by the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition to make recommendations on methods to coordinate information and data that would facilitate the identification and tracking of the needs of persons with mental retardation, serious emotional disturbance, pervasive developmental disorder or other developmental disabilities to the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition. It requires the Interdepartmental Committee on Transition to include these recommendations in its annual report to the Legislature. It requires the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council to provide information from the analysis required by the federal government related to the needs of people with disabilities in the State to the Legislature by January 31st of each year.