

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

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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 Labor

roster of eligibility for a work assignment with a client company to which the person has not been assigned in the last 30 days.

### Committee Amendment "A" (S-190)

This amendment replaces the bill with a provision that, rather than amending the definitions of "applicant" and "employee," allows an employment agency to request a written waiver from an individual already in its employ or on a roster of eligibility to allow a drug test for a temporary placement, under certain conditions.

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, Chapter 339 provides that, for purposes of being required to be tested under the labor substance abuse testing laws, an employment agency may request a written waiver from an individual already in its employ or on a roster of eligibility to allow a drug test for a temporary placement, under certain conditions.

### LD 998 An Act To Further Facilitate the Regionalization of Emergency Communications Dispatching Services

DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MITCHELL	OTP-AM	S-124

The bill provides that a member of the Maine State Retirement System whose previous membership was based upon employment as a public safety emergency communications dispatcher with a participating local district and whose employment with the participating local district was terminated as a result of the consolidation of the participating local district's public safety dispatching services with the Department of Public Safety and who then becomes employed as a public safety emergency communications technician for the department may elect to include that previously earned creditable service with service earned as a state employee under certain conditions.

### Committee Amendment "A" (S-124)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

### LD 1015 An Act To Amend the Unemployment Laws

PUBLIC 230

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN	OTP-AM	S-122

This bill allows an individual in the employ of a son, daughter or spouse or an individual under the age of 18 in the employ of a parent to receive unemployment compensation for periods of service for which unemployment insurance is paid.

### Committee Amendment "A" (S-122)

This amendment adds the word "contributions" to clarify what constitutes "employment" under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1043, subsection 11, paragraph F, subparagraph (6).

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, Chapter 230 allows an individual in the employ of a son, daughter or spouse or an individual under the age of 18 in the employ of a parent to receive unemployment compensation for periods of service for which unemployment insurance contributions have been paid.