

# 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

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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 Business, Research and Economic Development

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**LD 1115**     **An Act Concerning Licensure as a Master Well Driller or a Master Pump Installer**

**PUBLIC 207  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RAYE	OTP-AM	S-127

This bill provides for an exception to the current licensure laws for a master well driller and a master pump installer.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-127)**

Unlike the bill, which established an exception to the current licensure laws for a master well driller and a master pump installer, this amendment instead authorizes the Maine Water Well Commission to grant a waiver to those licensure laws to individuals with clearly defined levels of experience in situations in which the commission finds the presence of exigent circumstances.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2007, chapter 207 authorizes the Maine Water Well Commission to grant a waiver to the master well driller and master pump installer licensure laws to individuals with clearly defined levels of experience in situations in which the commission finds the presence of exigent circumstances.

**LD 1128**     **An Act To Require Electronic Monitoring of Secondary Sales Transactions**

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SMITH N PERRY J		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to provide law enforcement with increased capability to solve property and financial crimes throughout the State and the New England region by amending the laws governing the licensing of pawnbrokers. This bill would require pawnbrokers to maintain electronic records of their transactions through the use of downloadable databases. This information would be made electronically accessible to law enforcement officers throughout New England by transmitting the data to the New England State Police Information Network, NESPIN, whose geographical region includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

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

**LD 1129**     **Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review of Oral Health Care Issues**

**RESOLVE 85**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PENDLETON RAYE	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-362