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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 Transportation

Resolve 2007, chapter 56 provides that money previously granted to Coastal Enterprises, Inc. for its working waterfront loan fund is to be reallocated: \$500,000 is to be made available as a grant to the Portland Fish Pier Authority for capital improvements, and the remaining amount in the fund is to be made available to Coastal Enterprises, Inc. for use in fisheries and waterfront initiatives along the State's coast.

Resolve 2007, chapter 56 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 5, 2007.

LD 1159 Resolve, To Encourage Increased Use of Biofuel in Maine

RESOLVE 79

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FLETCHER HOBBINS	OTP-AM	H-347

This bill directs the Department of Transportation to develop a plan for a pilot program to establish refueling stations for biodiesel fuel that is at least 85% ethanol.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-347)

This amendment directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office, Office of Energy Independence and Security to develop a plan for a pilot program to establish refueling stations for biofuel that is at least 85% ethanol, rather than requiring the Department of Transportation to develop a program for biodiesel.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 79 directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office, Office of Energy Independence and Security to develop a plan for a pilot program to establish refueling stations for biofuel that is at least 85% ethanol.

LD 1164 An Act To Sustain Island Communities

ONTP

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

This bill provides that privately contracted vessels or companies that provide scheduled year-round ferry service to year-round island communities and that have been designated by the communities they serve may be eligible for Department of Transportation financial assistance based on certain conditions and terms.

LD 1174 Resolve, To Stabilize the Naples Waterfront

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA HASTINGS	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to study the state of disrepair of the Town of Naples waterfront and review the environmental and engineering issues surrounding the disrepair of the waterfront including damaged riprap and asphalt and the feasibility of replacing the retaining wall between Long Lake and Route 302.