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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 Natural Resources

LD 1090 An Act To Authorize the State's Participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

ONTP

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

This bill authorizes the State's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. It establishes a carbon dioxide cap and trade program and establishes annual budgets for emissions of carbon associated with the electric power sector in the State.

LD 1108 An Act To Change the Calculation of the Municipal Rate of Growth Ordinance Limit

PUBLIC 155

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOWMAN	OTP-AM	S-90

This bill provides that the building permit limit in the Town of York is calculated by using the number of permits issued to the general public and not including the number of permits issued pursuant to certain exemptions to the residential growth ordinance of the Town of York.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-90)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that the building permit limit is calculated by excluding permits issued for affordable housing and also differs from the bill in that it applies to all towns in the State.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 155 provides that the building permit limit in any town's rate of growth ordinance is calculated by excluding permits issued for affordable housing.

LD 1168 An Act To Amend New Motor Vehicle Laws Regarding Emission Standards

ONTP

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

This bill prohibits a person from registering a new motor vehicle unless the person proves to the Secretary of State that the motor vehicle is a California-emission certified vehicle. The bill includes registration denial as an enforcement mechanism to prevent a resident from purchasing outside the State a motor vehicle that does not comply with the low-emission vehicle program described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 585-D and registering that motor vehicle in Maine.

LD 1196 An Act To Protect Host Communities' Sovereign Rights

ONTP

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