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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 Business, Research and Economic Development

LD 1194 An Act Concerning the Practice of a Deceased or Incapacitated Dentist

PUBLIC 210
EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROMLEY	OTP-AM	S-118

This bill permits the legal guardian or personal representative of a deceased or incapacitated dentist to contract with another dentist to continue the operations of the practice of the deceased or incapacitated dentist for a period of up to 24 months after the death or incapacitation of the dentist or until the practice is sold, whichever occurs first.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-118)

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 210 permits the legal guardian or personal representative of a deceased or incapacitated dentist to contract with another dentist to continue the operations of the practice of the deceased or incapacitated dentist for a period of up to 24 months after the death or incapacitation of the dentist, or until the practice is sold, whichever occurs first.

Public Law 2007, chapter 210 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 4, 2007.

LD 1210 An Act Concerning the Diagnosis, Service and Repair of Motor Vehicles

CARRIED OVER

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

This bill requires an automobile manufacturer to provide the owner or lessee and repair facilities with the information necessary to diagnose, service or repair, certify, activate or install equipment in a motor vehicle it has manufactured.

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

LD 1215 An Act To Attract New Capital for Innovative Businesses through Equity Investment in Maine

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS P		

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

The bill establishes a Fund of Funds whose governing board is authorized to issue shares in one or more venture capital funds focused on business sectors with strong prospects for expansion in Maine. At least 50% of the aggregate money raised through the fund must be invested in Maine.

The board may guarantee a rate of return sufficient to attract necessary capital for diversified investments in the sectors targeted by each fund. Should any fund fall short of its guarantee in the third to tenth year of its