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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 Natural Resources

the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources, which is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

## **LD 1311 An Act To Fight Global Warming Effects in the State**

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| STRIMLING         | ONTP                    |                           |

This bill does the following to fight global warming effects in the State:

1. It requires the Department of Environmental Protection to report biennially on emissions and emissions reduction in the State and it directs the department to apply for a federal waiver to enact its draft rules concerning new motor vehicle emission standards.
2. It requires code enforcement officers to attend any training sessions about energy efficiency that are created by the United States Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.
3. It requires the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules establishing minimum efficiency standards for sale and installation of appliances not covered under federal standards.
4. It requires the Department of Transportation and the Department of Environmental Protection to examine and evaluate the carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions in the State for incorporation into decision-making alternatives.

## **LD 1313 An Act To Amend the Solid Waste Management Laws**

PUBLIC 192

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MARTIN            | OTP-AM                  | S-96                      |

This bill modifies Maine's solid waste management laws as follows.

1. It adds a state policy to encourage waste reduction measures and maximize waste diversion by encouraging new and expanded uses of solid waste as a resource.
2. It establishes the Solid Waste Management Advisory Council to meet annually, replacing a task force that meets every 5 years.
3. It changes the Executive Department, State Planning Office's solid waste capacity and recycling report from a biannual to an annual report.
4. It changes the disposal capacity threshold by which the State Planning Office is required to submit a recommendation on the construction and operation of a state-owned solid waste disposal facility to the Legislature from 4 years to 6 years.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-96)**

This amendment clarifies that waste reduction measures from all sources should be promoted. It clarifies that the Solid Waste Management Advisory Council created by the bill is established to advise and assist the Executive