

# 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

**LD 1472**     **An Act To Provide for the Regulation of Denturists by the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers**

ONTP

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

Under current law, denturists are regulated by the Board of Dental Examiners. This bill places denturists under the jurisdiction of the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers.

**LD 1516**     **An Act To Permit Certain Health Care Practices**

**ACCEPTED ONTP  
REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COURTNEY	ONTP   MAJ OTP-AM   MIN	

This bill authorizes a person to practice as an unlicensed health care practitioner in this State.

**LD 1519**     **An Act To Amend the Membership and Reporting Requirements for the Citizen Trade Policy Commission**

**PUBLIC 266**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROTUNDO	OTP-AM	S-155

This bill changes the frequency with which the Citizen Trade Policy Commission must conduct an assessment of the impact international trade agreements have on Maine's state laws, municipal laws, working conditions and business environment from annually to every 2 years. It also establishes what constitutes a quorum and provides funding for a full-time staff position.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-155)**

This amendment changes the membership of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission by replacing the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development as an ex officio, nonvoting member with the president of the Maine International Trade Center. This amendment also removes the appropriations and allocations section of the bill.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2007, chapter 266 changes the frequency with which the Citizen Trade Policy Commission must conduct an assessment of the impact international trade agreements have on Maine's state laws, municipal laws, working conditions and business environment from annually to every 2 years and establishes quorum requirements for the Commission. The law also changes the membership of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission by replacing the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development as an ex officio, nonvoting member with the president of the Maine International Trade Center.