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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:

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| 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 State and Local Government

LD 1922 authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell land donated to the State in the will of Biagio Mendolia with proceeds to benefit the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Veterans' Services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-583)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 120 authorizes the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to sell land donated to the State in the will of Biagio Mendolia with proceeds to benefit the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Veterans' Services.

LD 1927

Resolve, Regarding Options for Long-term Renovation and Use of the Buildings Formerly Occupied by the Augusta Mental Health Institute

RESOLVE 121

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 1927 amends Resolve 2005, chapter 201, which directed the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to develop options for the long-term plans for the buildings formerly occupied by the Augusta Mental Health Institute and authorized the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government to report out legislation regarding those plans to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature. This bill authorizes the joint standing committee to also report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 121 amends Resolve 2005, chapter 201, which directed the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to develop options for the long-term plans for the buildings formerly occupied by the Augusta Mental Health Institute and authorized the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government to report out legislation regarding those plans to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature. This resolve authorizes the joint standing committee to also report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.