

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
123<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed  
during the Second Regular or First Special Sessions 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 Second Regular or First Special Sessions of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Maine Legislature.

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:

<i>CON RES XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i> .....	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i> .....	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i> .....	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed; bill died</i>
<i>ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)</i> .....	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i> .....	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (R2) is June 30, 2008. The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session (S1) is July 18, 2008.<sup>1</sup> The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills. Any bill summarized in this document having an LD number less than 1932 was a bill carried over from the First Regular Session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Legislature.

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<sup>1</sup> The session in which each law was enacted or finally passed (R2 or S1) is included in Appendix C.

## *Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

This bill appropriates \$170,000 in 2007-08 and \$680,000 in 2008-09 to the Department of Health and Human Services for grants to the Northern New England Poison Center to continue operation of the poison hotline.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-619)**

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that requires the Department of Health and Human Services to meet with interested parties to develop options for long-term funding of the Northern New England Poison Center.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2007, chapter 206 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to meet with interested parties to develop options for long-term funding of the Northern New England Poison Center.

**LD 2042    An Act To Facilitate the Diversion of Persons with Mental Illness and Substance Abuse away from Incarceration through the Co-occurring Disorders Court** **ONTP**

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

This bill provides an ongoing General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 beginning in fiscal year 2008-09 to the Judicial Department to continue funding of the Kennebec County Co-Occurring Disorders Court program.

**LD 2077    An Act To Increase the State Subsidy for Adult Education within the Department of Education** **ONTP**

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

This bill increases the state subsidy for adult education by 6% in fiscal year 2007-08 and by 6% in fiscal year 2008-09.

**LD 2098    An Act To Prevent and Treat Cancer in Maine by Providing a Source of Funding for a Comprehensive Cancer Prevention Program** **ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT**

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

Public Law 2007, chapter 341 required the Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Health to implement a comprehensive cancer screening, detection and prevention program and provided a base appropriation of \$500 each fiscal year for the 2008-2009 biennium. This bill increases the tax on tobacco products, such as smokeless tobacco, cigars and pipe tobacco, to a flat rate of \$1 per ounce beginning September 1, 2008 and appropriates an additional \$1,800,000 in fiscal year 2008-09 to the comprehensive cancer screening, detection and prevention program.