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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 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 Second Regular or First Special Sessions of the 123rd 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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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, 2008.¹ 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 123rd Legislature.

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

Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

LD 2169 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Drinking Water Management and Wastewater Management

PUBLIC 673

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BARTLETT	OTP-AM	S-449 S-666 ROTUNDO

Part A of this bill requires disturbed areas created after January 1, 2008 that are associated with utility substations to meet only the basic standards for storm water management under the rules of the Department of Environmental Protection. The funds provided by the bond issue in Part B, in the amount of \$1,700,000, will be used to support drinking water programs and to support the construction of wastewater treatment facilities and will leverage \$8,500,000 in other funds.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-449)

This amendment removes Part A of the bill, which proposed to amend the laws pertaining to storm water management. The amendment also increases the bond issue for the drinking water revolving loan fund to \$1,700,000 and it increases the bond issue for the clean water treatment facility revolving loan fund to \$1,700,000. It also increases the match amount relating to each fund from \$4,250,000 to \$8,500,000.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-666)

This amendment changes the references from clean water to wastewater for the treatment facility state revolving loan fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 673 authorizes, upon ratification of the voters, the issuance of bonds for the drinking water revolving loan fund and the wastewater treatment facility state revolving loan fund.

LD 2207 An Act To Diminish Global Warming

ONTP

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

This bill prohibits, beginning January 1, 2010, the sale and distribution in the State of incandescent lamps. The bill also establishes a system of deposit and redemption for used compact fluorescent lamps, referred to as returnable light bulbs, and creates the Returnable Light Bulb Fund, a dedicated fund for use in the payment of deposits and redemptions and for holding funds not required for either purpose.

LD 2210 An Act To Promote the Use of Safer Chemicals in Consumer Products

ONTP

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

This bill requires a manufacturer or a distributor of a product that contains a toxic, carcinogenic or very bioaccumulative chemical to disclose information on its chemical use if the Board of Environmental Protection designates the chemical as a priority chemical. Upon review of the information, the board then may adopt rules banning the sale of a product that contains the chemical.