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**STATE OF MAINE**  
124<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during  
the First Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</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 124<sup>th</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:

CARRIED OVER.....	Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
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; bill died
ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
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

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature is September 12, 2009. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

*Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

**LD 10**

**An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Drinking Water Programs**

**ONTP**

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$11,100,000, to be expended over 3 years, will be used to fund drinking water programs and wastewater treatment facilities.

LD 913, as enacted, contains a similar bond proposal.

**LD 45**

**An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009**

**PUBLIC 1  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAIN DIAMOND	OTP-AM	H-2

LD 45 is the Governor's proposed Fiscal Year 2008-09 Emergency Supplemental Bill.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-2)**

Committee Amendment "A" (H-2) is the unanimous report of the Committee in response to the Governor's proposed bill.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 1 achieves a net savings to the General Fund of \$139,508,644 and a net cost to the Fund for a Healthy Maine of \$5,252,296.

PART A makes appropriations and allocations of funds for the fiscal year 2008-09.

PART B makes appropriations and allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C relates to the funding of K-12 education.

PART D transfers unexpended funds and lapses funds from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services - Capital Construction Reserve Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

PART E provides for the transfer of funds from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to offset a General Fund revenue shortfall; establishes a Federal Relief funds Reserve account to receive savings resulting from the temporary increase in the federal medical assistance percentage which will be used for payment of MaineCare hospital settlements and other healthcare expenditures; and recognizes and offsets the revenue loss associated