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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 124th 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 124th 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 124th 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 Business, Research and Economic Development

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 22 directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office to review existing commercial outdoor lighting standards and make recommendations on standard language that will limit light pollution and encourage the preservation of the area's natural state, as well as identify policy options for promoting outdoor lighting standards for commercial development. It requires the State Planning Office to present its findings in a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development no later than January 15, 2010.

LD 12

Resolve, Directing the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation To Amend Its Rules Governing Pastoral Counselors

**RESOLVE 13
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SCHATZ DAMON	OTP-AM	H-22

This resolve directs the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Licensing and Registration, Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure to amend its rules governing licensed pastoral counselors to provide that the requirement for 400 contact hours in clinical pastoral education in a program accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education be changed to a requirement for 400 contact hours in clinical pastoral education in a program accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education or an equivalent organization. The rules as amended pursuant to this resolve apply to an application filed on or after July 1, 2007.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-22)

This amendment requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Licensing and Registration, Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure to amend its rules governing licensed pastoral counselors to allow the board to approve educational requirements in a nonaccredited program determined equivalent by the board. This amendment also removes the provision requiring retroactive application of this resolve and provides instead that the rule changes apply only for applications for licensure as a pastoral counselor filed from April 1, 2009 to June 1, 2009. It also provides that any application materials that have been previously submitted to the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure are not required to be resubmitted for new applications during this time period.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 13 requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Licensing and Registration, Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure to amend its rules governing licensed pastoral counselors to allow the board to approve educational requirements in a nonaccredited program determined equivalent by the board. It provides that the rule changes apply only for applications for licensure as a pastoral counselor filed from April 1, 2009 to June 1, 2009. This law also provides that any application materials that have been previously submitted to the Board of Counseling Professionals Licensure are not required to be resubmitted for new applications during this time period.

Resolve 2009, chapter 13 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 21, 2009.