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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

**LD 181**

**An Act To Conform Building Standards in the Unorganized Territories with Federal Emergency Management Agency Requirements**

**PUBLIC 111**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON	OTP-AM	S-67

This bill establishes permitting requirements affecting normal maintenance and repair and renovations to structures in special flood hazard areas within the State's unorganized and deorganized areas. The proposed revisions would allow communities in the unorganized and deorganized areas to be eligible for insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program within the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-67)**

This amendment requires the Director of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry on revisions to the commission's rules for permitting in special flood areas. It also authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to submit legislation in the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 111 establishes permitting requirements for normal maintenance, repair and renovations to structures in special flood hazard areas within the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission. This change allows communities in the unorganized and deorganized areas to obtain insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program within the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It requires the Director of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry on revisions to the commission's rules for permitting in special flood areas. It also authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to submit legislation in the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

**LD 182**

**An Act To Prohibit Aerial Spraying of Pesticides near Buildings, Roads and Bodies of Water**

**ONTP**

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

This bill establishes buffers where aerial spraying of pesticides is prohibited.