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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:

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| 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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety

LD 283

Resolve, Regarding the Cost of Telephone Calls Made by Incarcerated Persons

ONTP

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

This bill directs the Commissioner of Corrections and the State Board of Corrections to study the feasibility of making the cost of long-distance telephone calls made by inmates at jails, prisons and correctional facilities less expensive.

LD 284

An Act Regarding the Period of Time for Which an Incarcerated Person Is Eligible To Earn Good Time

ONTP

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

This bill increases the amount of good time that may be deducted from a person's sentence for a crime committed on or after October 1, 2009. The bill applies deductions enacted by Public Law 1983, chapter 456 to persons who commit crimes on or after October 1, 2009. The bill makes no distinction as to the type of crime the person committed. The bill also includes a deduction of good time for a person's good conduct during detention, which was first enacted by Public Law 2003, chapter 711, but the bill doubles the maximum prior amount from 2 days to 4.

LD 299

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 4: Water-based Fire Protection Systems, a Major Substantive Rule of the Office of the State Fire Marshal

**RESOLVE 31
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| | OTP | |

This bill provides for legislative review of Chapter 4: Water-based fire protection systems, a major substantive rule of the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal. The rule regulates installers of water-based fire protection systems and prescribes how sprinklers are to be installed, inspected, maintained and tested.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 31 provides for legislative review of Chapter 4: Water-based fire protection systems, a major substantive rule of the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal. The rule regulates installers of water-based fire protection systems and prescribes how sprinklers are to be installed, inspected, maintained and tested.

Resolve 2009, chapter 31 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 8, 2009.