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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 Judiciary

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill would require that a home seller provide to a prospective home buyer a listing of typical utility and energy use for that home, including but not limited to electricity use and home heating and hot water heating energy sources and their use.

LD 324 An Act To Allow Limited Information Sharing in Domestic Violence Cases

PUBLIC 181

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| HASKELL SIMPSON | OTP-AM | H-213 |

The purpose of this bill is to allow law enforcement agencies to share investigative reports with family violence projects and other providers of services to victims. This bill amends the criminal history record information laws to provide an exception to the prohibition on the dissemination of intelligence and investigative information consistent with the existing law concerning the dissemination of nonconviction information.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-213)

This amendment allows a criminal justice agency to share intelligence and investigative information with an advocate for victims of family or domestic violence pursuant to an agreement between the advocate and the criminal justice agency. The agreement must contain, at a minimum, specific requirements governing the use and dissemination of the information. This amendment creates a Class E crime for the intentional dissemination of a report or record containing intelligence and investigative information in violation of the section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 181 allows a criminal justice agency to share intelligence and investigative information with an advocate for victims of family or domestic violence pursuant to an agreement between the advocate and the criminal justice agency. The agreement must contain, at a minimum, specific requirements governing the use and dissemination of the information. Chapter 181 creates a Class E crime for the intentional dissemination of a report or record containing intelligence and investigative information in violation of the section.

LD 326 An Act To Allow the Request for and Granting of Permanent Protection from Abuse Orders

ONTP

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

This bill allows a person to request a permanent protection from abuse order from the court and allows the court to issue such an order.