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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 UTILITIES AND  
ENERGY**

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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 Utilities and Energy*

**LD 335**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 2: Administration of Trust, Budgeting, Project Selection Criteria and Procedures, Monitoring and Evaluation Requirements, a Major Substantive Rule of the Energy and Carbon Savings Trust**

**RESOLVE 19  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-57

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 2: Administration of Trust, Budgeting, Project Selection Criteria and Procedures, Monitoring and Evaluation Requirements, a major substantive rule of the Energy and Carbon Savings Trust.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-57)**

This amendment authorizes the final adoption of Chapter 2: Administration of Trust, Budgeting, Project Selection Criteria and Procedures, Monitoring and Evaluation Requirements, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Energy and Carbon Savings Trust, as long as the rule is amended to clarify that the trust may calculate reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and reductions in consumption of electricity on a basis other than simply reductions from current levels when the trust determines it is appropriate to calculate reductions from the level of greenhouse gas emissions or consumption of electricity that would exist if alternative, less energy efficient technologies were used for the program or project instead of the technologies proposed by the applicant.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2009, chapter 19 authorizes the final adoption of Chapter 2: Administration of Trust, Budgeting, Project Selection Criteria and Procedures, Monitoring and Evaluation Requirements, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Energy and Carbon Savings Trust. The resolve requires that the rule be amended to clarify that the trust may calculate reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and reductions in consumption of electricity on a basis other than simply reductions from current levels when the trust determines it is appropriate to calculate reductions from the level of greenhouse gas emissions or consumption of electricity that would exist if alternative, less energy efficient technologies were used for the program or project instead of the technologies proposed by the applicant.

Resolve 2009, chapter 19 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 30, 2009.

**LD 336**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 313: Net Energy Billing Rule To Allow Shared Ownership, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission**

**RESOLVE 20  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-63

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 313: Net Energy Billing Rule to Allow Shared Ownership, a major substantive rule of the Public Utilities Commission.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-63)**