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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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Facilities Authority for specific allocation to the judicial branch.

PART XXXX extends the authority for the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities for capital repairs and improvements to state-owned facilities.

PART YYYY increases the motor vehicle license reinstatement fee for certain suspensions and provides that a percentage of specified fees accrues to the General Fund.

PART ZZZZ modifies the calculation of the 2012-2013 biennial budget baseline for the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program.

PART AAAAA was added by House Amendment "E" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-408) to make technical corrections to Part A and eliminate position counts added in error for previously authorized limited-period positions.

LD 369 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Rebuild a Bulkhead and Wharf at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EBERLE MILLS P	ONTP	

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$2,200,000, will be added to other funds already secured through bonds and federal money to rebuild a bulkhead and wharf at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

LD 913, as enacted, contains a similar bond proposal.

LD 439 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Research and Development To Stimulate Maine's Innovation Economy** **ONTP**

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

The bill authorizes a bond issue of up to \$50,000,000 per year for each of the next 4 years totaling up to \$200,000,000 to be used for competitive grants to stimulate economic growth and job creation through investments in research and development and commercialization.

LD 472 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Energy Conservation** **ONTP**

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