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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 Judiciary

LD 399 **Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Increase Child Support Collections**

RESOLVE 60

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIMPSON	OTP-AM	S-121

This bill requires persons licensed as slot machine operators and persons licensed to conduct pari-mutuel wagering at off-track betting facilities or commercial tracks to offset gambling winnings for the purpose of collecting child support debts prior to disbursing winnings to a child support obligor.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-121)

This amendment changes the bill into a resolve. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Integrated Access and Support, Division of Support Enforcement and Recovery to convene a working group to develop a process to collect child support debts through a gambling payment intercept. The division must submit a report including the working group's recommendations by January 15, 2010. The Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary may submit legislation based on the report.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 60 requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Integrated Access and Support, Division of Support Enforcement and Recovery to convene a working group to develop a process to collect child support debts through a gambling payment intercept. The division must submit a report including the working group's recommendations by January 15, 2010. The Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary may submit legislation based on the report.

LD 426 **An Act To Allow Stepparents To Take Certain Actions with Respect to Their Stepchildren**

ONTP

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

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

This bill proposes to establish a simple process by which a stepparent can be authorized to:

1. Make decisions about education for the stepchild;
2. Make decisions regarding medical care for the stepchild;
3. Request and receive medical and school records; and
4. Attend school parent-teacher meetings and pupil evaluation team meetings.