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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 Business, Research and Economic Development

Examiners to report on its progress in establishing the new licensing category to the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development by February 1, 2010. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit legislation related to this report.

LD 420 **An Act To Amend Certain Laws Related to the Department of
Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Division of Quality Assurance
and Regulation**

PUBLIC 192

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN J R	OTP-AM	H-224

This bill amends laws related to quality assurance and regulations administered by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

1. The bill phases in the requirement for automatic temperature compensating meters on vehicles making retail deliveries of petroleum products.
2. The bill requires that whenever an item is advertised for retail sale a declaration of the price must be either on each item, on the shelf on which the item is located or on a placard placed adjacent to the item.
3. The bill adopts nationally recognized standards and specifications for engine fuels, petroleum products and lubricants.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-224)

This amendment specifies the type of delivery vehicles that must be equipped with automatic temperature compensating meters and clarifies that the temperature compensators must be in use throughout the year. It also amends the bill to clarify that the display requirements for retail sale apply to packaged or consumer commodities.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 192 makes the following changes to the laws related to quality assurance and regulations administered by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources:

1. It phases in the requirement for automatic temperature compensating meters on vehicles making retail deliveries of petroleum products;
2. It requires that whenever an item is advertised for retail sale a declaration of the price must be either on each item, on the shelf on which the item is located or on a placard placed adjacent to the item;
3. It adopts nationally recognized standards and specifications for engine fuels, petroleum products and lubricants;
4. It specifies the type of delivery vehicles that must be equipped with automatic temperature compensating meters and clarifies that the temperature compensators must be in use throughout the year; and
5. It clarifies that the display requirements for retail sale apply to packaged or consumer commodities.