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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 AGRICULTURE,  
CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

**LD 456**

**An Act To Provide Free Admission to State Parks to Veterans and Military Personnel**

**PUBLIC 220  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLISS	OTP-AM	S-69 S-74 BLISS

This bill allows for free admission for any active duty member or veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States to any state-owned park, camping area or beach.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-69)**

This amendment replaces the bill. It extends the period of time that free day use passes to state parks and historic sites for certain veterans may be issued until June 30, 2015. It also provides for the issuance of free passes to active military personnel whose home of residence is Maine.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-74)**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 220 provides free day use admission to state parks and historic sites to active duty military personnel. It also extends until June 30, 2015 the issuing of free day use passes to state parks and historic sites to Maine residents who serve a minimum of three months outside the U.S. during a period of war or national emergency or on an operational mission for which members of the reserve were ordered to active duty. These passes are valid for a period of 12 months.

Public Law 2009, chapter 220 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 28, 2009.

**LD 458**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources To Study Equine Husbandry Practices in the State**

**RESOLVE 36**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING J	OTP-AM	S-70

This resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to develop a proposal to license equine boarding facilities and to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature to implement its recommendations.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-70)**

This amendment replaces the resolve. It directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to convene a working group to assist the commissioner in developing recommendations to promote good equine husbandry in the State.

**Enacted Law Summary**