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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

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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 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<br>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<br>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                    |                           |

## *Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used for low-interest loans for energy conservation in private homes.

**LD 507      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Construction of a Multiuse Arena in Bangor** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PERRY J           | ONTP                    |                           |

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$25,000,000, will be used to provide funds to build a multiuse convention arena in the City of Bangor.

**LD 518      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Enhance Funding for Stem Cell Research in Maine** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PILON<br>BARTLETT | ONTP                    |                           |

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to expand research in adult stem cells, establish a public umbilical cord blood bank, award grants to aid in the development of umbilical cord blood banks and establish an advisory council on umbilical cord blood banks.

**LD 629      An Act To Require That the 3 Branches of Government Be Listed Separately in Budget Documents and Budget Bills** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PRIEST<br>BLISS   | ONTP                    |                           |

This bill requires the Governor to segregate the agencies of the judicial, legislative and executive branches into separate parts within the budget document and the budget bills.

**LD 660      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Maintain Train Quiet Zone Status in Millinocket** **ONTP**

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$750,000, will be used to provide funds for the Town of Millinocket for 3 railroad street crossings with appropriate warning lights and gates to maintain quiet zone status as