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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 Labor

This bill increases the paid leave of absence given to officials and employees of the State who are members of the National Guard or Reserves of the United States Armed Forces from 17 work days per year to 30 work days per year while those officials or employees are performing military duty.

LD 496 An Act To Amend the Employment Practices Laws

ONTP

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

Current law allows public employers to deduct service fees owed by an employee to a collective bargaining agent from employee's pay. This bill requires a public employer to deduct the fees.

LD 549 An Act To Amend the Employment Practices Law Regarding Substance Abuse Testing

PUBLIC 133

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WESTON	OTP-AM	H-179 TUTTLE S-75

This bill provides that employers using substance abuse testing may use tests that have been recognized by the federal Food and Drug Administration as accurate and reliable through a clearance or approval process and directs the use of that agency's cleared or approved cutoff levels and procedures if the Department of Health and Human Services cutoff levels or procedures do not exist for the particular test.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-75)

This amendment clarifies that if the Department of Health and Human Services does not have established cutoff levels and procedures for a particular federally approved substance abuse test the cutoff levels and procedures established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration apply.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-179)

This amendment further clarifies that the particular cutoff levels and procedures for substance abuse testing to be used when the Department of Health and Human Services does not have established cutoff levels and procedures are those as printed in the Federal Register, Volume 69, No. 71, sections 3.4 to 3.7 on pages 19697 and 19698.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 133 provides that employers using substance abuse testing may use tests that have been recognized by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services as accurate and reliable as set forth in the Federal Register, Volume 69, No. 71, sections 3.4 to 3.7 on pages 19697 and 19698 if the Department of Health and Human Services does not have established cutoff levels or procedures for the particular test.