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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by January 15, 2010 on the policies developed under the resolve. The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 30 requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Marine Resources, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and Department of Conservation to develop policies to guide employees when accessing private farmland and coastal lands as well as private woodland. It requires the departments to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by January 15, 2010 on the policies developed under the resolve. The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

LD 562 An Act To Support Maine State Parks

**PUBLIC 27
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCABE BRYANT B	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-30

This bill allows the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands to sell merchandise and rent equipment at state parks and historic sites and deposit the money received into the State Parks Improvement Fund, a dedicated account to be used for the operations and maintenance of state parks.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-30)

This amendment specifies that the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands must comply with procurement provisions administered by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services. It also adds an emergency preamble and clause and an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, Chapter 27 allows the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands to sell merchandise and rent equipment at state parks and historic sites and deposit the money received into the State Parks Improvement Fund, a dedicated account to be used for the operations and maintenance of state parks. The department is required to comply with procurement provisions administered by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services.

Public Law 2009, chapter 27 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2009.

LD 628 An Act To Allocate Prospective Federal Funding To Support Maine's Dairy Industry

Carried Over

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