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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*

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 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 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

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defined in Federal Railroad Administration rules.

- LD 684**      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Finance the Acquisition of Land and Interest in Land for Public Land and Water Access, Conservation, Wildlife and Fish Habitats, Outdoor Recreation Including Hunting and Fishing and Farmland Preservation and To Access Matching Contributions from Public and Private Sources**      **ONTP**

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$87,500,000, will be used to recapitalize the Land for Maine's Future program over 4 years to continue the State's land conservation efforts, leveraging a minimum of \$43,750,000 in required matching funds.

LD 913, as enacted, contains a similar bond proposal.

- LD 709**      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Weatherize and Upgrade the Energy Efficiency of Maine Homes and Businesses and To Provide a Trained Workforce**      **ONTP**

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$60,000,000, will be used to support weatherization and other energy efficiency improvements for Maine homes, businesses and public buildings. Funds are also provided to expand the workforce for weatherization and energy efficiency services and other parts of the economy.

LD 913, as enacted, contains a similar bond proposal.

- LD 729**      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create a New Health Care Internet Infrastructure**      **ONTP**

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will be used to provide funds to create a system to allow for real-time access of up-to-date data concerning medical records and accessibility between hospitals and health care providers in the State.