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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 Business, Research and Economic Development

LD 695 An Act To Streamline Health Care Services in Maine by Allowing Certified Nurse Practitioners and Certified Nurse Midwives To Verify Medical Papers and Records

PUBLIC 259

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERRY A BRANNIGAN	OTP	

This bill allows a certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife to sign, certify, stamp, verify or endorse medical papers and records within the scope of practice of a certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife. The provision does not modify the scope of practice of a certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 259 allows a certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife to sign, certify, stamp, verify or endorse medical papers and records within the scope of practice of a certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife. The provision does not modify the scope of practice of a certified nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife.

LD 696 Resolve, To Reclaim Past Unredeemed Beverage Container Deposits

Carried Over

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN J L PERRY J		

This resolve seeks to recapture unredeemed or abandoned deposits from beverage containers subject to commingling agreements. Specifically, the resolves requires the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability to conduct an audit to estimate deposit amounts unaccounted for during the last 15 years and requires initiators of deposits to pay the estimates, plus interest, within 60 days of notice from the department. Failure to pay will result in a daily fine added to the assessment.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 124th Legislature pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1053.

LD 710 An Act To Allow Qualified, Licensed Denturists To Practice to the Level of Their Educational Training

PUBLIC 227

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW TRAHAN	OTP-AM	H-272

This bill defines the term "denture" to include full or partial upper or lower prosthetic dental appliances to be worn in the human mouth to replace any missing natural teeth, which will permit denturists to make and fit partial dental appliances.

Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development

Committee Amendment "A" (H-272)

This amendment clarifies the definition of "practice of denturism" to include the fitting of a denture to an edentulous or partially edentulous arch or arches, including the making, producing, reproducing, constructing, finishing, supplying, altering and repairing of dentures, without performing alteration to natural or reconstructed tooth structure. It allows a denturist, upon the receipt of a written statement of oral condition by a licensed dentist, to complete clinical procedures related to the fabrication of a removable tooth-borne partial denture, including cast frameworks. It also amends the requirements for licensure as a denturist to require that, beginning October 1, 2009, in addition to the examination, all applicants must be graduates of a board-approved denturism postsecondary institution. Denturists licensed in this State prior to October 1, 2009 that do not have a diploma from a board-approved denturism postsecondary institution are required to successfully complete an upgraded curriculum approved by the board within 2 years before a license may be issued or renewed.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 227 clarifies the definition of "practice of denturism" to include the fitting of a denture to an edentulous or partially edentulous arch or arches, including the making, producing, reproducing, constructing, finishing, supplying, altering and repairing of dentures, without performing alteration to natural or reconstructed tooth structure. It allows a denturist, upon the receipt of a written statement of oral condition by a licensed dentist, to complete clinical procedures related to the fabrication of a removable tooth-borne partial denture, including cast frameworks.

The law amends the requirements for licensure as a denturist to require that, beginning October 1, 2009, in addition to the examination, all applicants must be graduates of a board-approved denturism postsecondary institution. Denturists licensed in this State prior to October 1, 2009 that do not have a diploma from a board-approved denturism postsecondary institution are required to successfully complete an upgraded curriculum approved by the board within 2 years before a license may be issued or renewed.

LD 718 An Act Concerning Cremated Remains

PUBLIC 39

Sponsor(s)

PRATT

Committee Report

OTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill decreases the time that a funeral director must keep cremated remains from 4 years to one year. The bill also replaces the word "cremains" with "cremated remains."

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 39 decreases the time that a funeral director must keep cremated remains from 4 years to one year. The law also replaces the word "cremains" with "cremated remains."

LD 731 An Act To Designate Cumberland County as a Pine Tree Development Zone

ONTP

Sponsor(s)

BARTLETT

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted