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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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

LD 732 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Small Businesses' Access to Capital** **ONTP**

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$30,000,000, will be used to provide for disbursements to qualifying small businesses in the State seeking to pursue eligible projects and for funds for the Regional Economic Development Revolving Loan Program Fund and the economic recovery loan program administered by the Finance Authority of Maine.

LD 770 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Research and Development** **ONTP**

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$75,000,000, will be used to provide funds for research and development.

LD 775 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund the Communities for Maine's Future Program** **ONTP**

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$29,000,000, fund the Communities for Maine's Future Fund and the Historic Preservation Revolving Fund. Both funds are established in this bill.

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

LD 776 **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Land for Maine's Future Board** **ONTP**

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

Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$40,000,000, will be used to provide funds for a 2-year distribution of \$20,000,000 each year to secure public access to Maine's land and water resources or to ensure quality and availability of natural resources.

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

LD 810 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for School Construction and Renovation Projects That Demonstrate Cost Savings ONTP

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to provide funds for the design and planning of projects and their construction and renovation. The projects must best demonstrate significant cost savings through innovative partnerships, consolidation efforts and efficiency improvements in school districts, leveraging 25% in required matching funds.

LD 858 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Energy Investments for Maine's Future ONTP

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$28,000,000, will be used to provide for investments in renewable energy technologies and energy conservation projects.

LD 894 An Act To Establish the Maine Farmland Fund and Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Maine's Traditional Industries ONTP

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$16,000,000, will be used to provide funds for preservation of working waterfronts and farmland by providing funds directly to land trusts using the federal farmland preservation standards as benchmarks, providing funds for appraisal costs of donated easements for working waterfronts and farmland and providing funds for food processing for fishing and agricultural industries. This bill also establishes the Maine Farmland Fund.

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