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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:

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| 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 Taxation

This bill extends through 2012 the income tax credit for clean fuel vehicle economic and infrastructure development, which expired January 1, 2009.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-143)

This amendment corrects timing references in the bill and extends the clean fuel vehicle economic and infrastructure development credit through 2014.

LD 799 was placed on the Special Appropriations Table and died on adjournment.

LD 808 An Act To Capitalize the Municipal Investment Trust Fund with Municipal Revenue-sharing Resources

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| CRAVEN | OTP-AM | S-144 |

This bill abolishes the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services and redirects its funding to the Municipal Investment Trust Fund beginning October 1, 2009.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-144)

This amendment requires a transfer of all but \$500,000 in fiscal year 2009-10 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2010-11 from the Municipal Investment Trust Fund to the General Fund. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 808 was placed on the Special Appropriations Table and died on adjournment.

LD 839 An Act To Authorize an Alternative Calculation of the Property Growth Factor for Municipalities with Exempt Personal Property

Carried Over

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| GILBERT BRYANT B | | |

This bill authorizes a municipality that has a significant amount of personal property in its tax base to include the value of newly introduced personal property in the calculation of the municipality's property growth factor under the property tax limitation system even though that newly introduced personal property may be business equipment that is exempt from property taxation.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 124th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1053.