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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 879

An Act To Allow Licensed Kennel Owners To Vaccinate Their Own Dogs

ONTP

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

This bill authorizes a kennel owner to purchase vaccinations from a licensed veterinarian and to vaccinate the kennel owner's own dogs under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

LD 893

Resolve, To Promote the Use of Alternative Fiber

ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, through the University of Maine, to create a pilot program to determine the economic feasibility of growing hemp for industrial purposes in the State.

LD 914

An Act To Broaden the Use of the Land for Maine's Future Fund for Investments To Promote Public Access and Use of Conserved Lands and To Improve the Productivity of Conserved Farmlands

PUBLIC 178

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CONNOR	OTP-AM	H-193

This bill allows money in the Land for Maine's Future Fund to be used to fund improvements to land for recreational purposes, including, but not limited to, recreational and athletic fields, upon application of a municipality.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-193)

This amendment expands the allowed uses of capital improvement funds for land or interest in land acquired through the Land for Maine's Future Fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 178 expands the allowed uses of capital improvement funds for land or interest in land acquired through the Land for Maine's Future Fund. It allows these funds to be used to improve public access on properties that are part of the same ownership or under the same management as properties previously conserved through the Land for Maine's Future program. It also allows these funds to be used for improvements to farmland that is part of the same ownership or under the same management as properties previously conserved through the Land for Maine's Future program.