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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES AND  
ENERGY**

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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 Utilities and Energy

**LD 935**

## Resolve, Regarding Building Energy Efficiency and Carbon Performance Ratings

**RESOLVE 134  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODALL	OTP-AM	S-155 S-329 DIAMOND

This bill establishes a building energy performance rating program for the purpose of evaluating and rating buildings in terms of energy efficiency and carbon emissions. The program includes a uniform building energy performance evaluation and rating system and report cards. The program is mandatory for state-owned buildings and buildings that lease space to the State. The program is voluntary for other buildings, except that disclosure of report cards is required at the time of the sale of certain private buildings beginning January 1, 2011. The program is administered by the Department of Public Safety, Technical Building Codes and Standards Board with administrative and technical support from the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Building Codes and Standards.

### Committee Amendment "A" (S-155)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment directs the Public Utilities Commission in consultation with a stakeholder group, to develop or select a standardized rating system and reporting form for building energy efficiency and carbon performance, to take several steps to encourage the use of the selected rating system and reporting form and to develop a voluntary library of results. The amendment requires the commission to submit a report on these efforts to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy and authorizes the commission to use up to \$50,000 in federal funds received by the commission under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for the purposes of this resolve. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

### Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-329)

This amendment strikes an appropriations and allocations section that is duplicative of appropriations and allocations provided in Resolve 2009, chapter 46.

### Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 134 directs the Public Utilities Commission in consultation with a stakeholder group, to develop or select a standardized rating system and reporting form for building energy efficiency and carbon performance, to take several steps to encourage the use of the selected rating system and reporting form and to develop a voluntary library of results. The resolve requires the commission to submit a report on these efforts to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy and authorizes the commission to use up to \$50,000 in federal funds received by the commission under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for the purposes of this resolve.

This resolve was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2009.