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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during
the Second Regular Session of the 124th Maine Legislature coming from the

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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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 Second 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:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed; bill died</i>
<i>ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature is Monday, July 12, 2010. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources

2. Develop best management practices for the design and site layout of site law developments;
3. Evaluate the energy performance of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code in relation to other benchmarking systems and recommend whether site law developments that are designed and operated to those benchmarking systems will further the state climate action plan; and
4. Submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters by January 1, 2011.

This amendment removes language requiring that the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission identify alternative approaches and provide recommendations regarding development under its jurisdiction. This amendment also removes authority for the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters to submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 206 requires the Department of Environmental Protection to:

1. Identify alternative approaches and provide recommendations regarding ways to ensure that the design and operation of site law developments further the state climate action plan;
2. Develop best management practices for the design and site layout of site law developments;
3. Evaluate the energy performance of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code in relation to other benchmarking systems and recommend whether site law developments that are designed and operated to those benchmarking systems will further the state climate action plan; and
4. Submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters by January 1, 2011.

LD 956

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide Constitutional Protection to the Funds Generated by the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative

ONTP

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

This resolution was carried over from the First Regular Session. The resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to ensure that all revenues derived from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative be expended solely to support the goals and implementation of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.