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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

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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:

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 HOUSES..... 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 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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

LD 957

An Act To Establish a New Method of Determining the State Budget

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOY RAYE	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill was carried over from the 1st Regular Session. This bill shifts the start of the fiscal biennium for the state budget from the first regular session of the Legislature to the second regular session of the Legislature, beginning for the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2012. It also provides that the state budget beginning on July 1, 2011 is a one-year budget.

LD 1387 An Act To Strengthen Maine's Financial Future in Perpetuity

ONTP

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

This bill was carried over from the 1st Regular Session. This bill establishes the Irrevocable Budget Trust Fund and requires the Legislature to appropriate 5% of General Fund revenues to the Irrevocable Budget Trust Fund beginning with fiscal year 2010-11. The Treasurer of the State and the State Controller, as trustees of the fund, are required to invest the money in the fund. Beginning with fiscal year 2011-12, 5% of the earnings in the fund are transferred back to the General Fund.

LD 1481 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Energy Efficiency Investments for Maine's Future

ONTP

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

This bill was carried over from the 1st Regular Session. This bill was reported to the House for the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Energy Future pursuant to Joint Order 2007, H.P. 63. and committed to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. The funds provided by this bond issue will be used to provide for investments in weatherization and energy efficiency projects and green energy workforce development.

LD 913, as enacted (Public Law 2009, chapter 414, Part D) contains a similar bond proposal for weatherization and energy efficiency projects. LD 1826, as enacted, amended Public Law 2009, chapter 414, Part D to delete the provision of funds to the Public Utilities Commission for energy efficiency programs.