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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 Natural Resources

LD 973

An Act To Provide for the Safe Collection and Recycling of Mercury-containing Lighting

PUBLIC 272

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BERRY RAYE	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-341

This bill requires each manufacturer of mercury-added lamps to implement a mercury-added lamp recycling program for the recycling of the mercury-added lamps sold or distributed in the State for household use. It authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt mercury content standards established for lamps sold in the European Union pursuant to the RoHS directive. It directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to prefer lamps with the lowest possible mercury content when making purchasing decisions. It requires the Department of Environmental Protection to submit a report by January 1, 2010 to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources on the recycling of mercury-added lamps from businesses, and it authorizes the committee to submit legislation to implement the recommendations in the report.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-341)

This amendment amends the provisions in the bill relating to adoption of mercury standards by the Department of Environmental Protection by requiring the department to establish standards based on California standards instead of standards established for lamps sold in the European Union. It amends the requirement relating to mercury-added lamp purchasing by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. It amends the definition of "manufacturer" and adds a definition of "municipal collection site." It amends the provisions relating to mercury-added lamp manufacturer recycling programs by:

1. Requiring that each manufacturer of mercury-added lamps sold or distributed for household use in the State on or after January 1, 2001 implement a recycling program;
2. Requiring manufacturer recycling programs to include municipal collection sites; and
3. Removing the establishment of a 75 percent recycling goal.

The amendment clarifies that motor vehicles and watercraft are not subject to the requirements of the law. It requires the Department of Environmental Protection to submit a report by January 1, 2010 to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources on the recycling of mercury-added lamps from households, and it authorizes the committee to submit legislation to implement the recommendations in the report.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 272 requires each manufacturer of mercury-added lamps to implement a mercury-added lamp recycling program for the recycling of the mercury-added lamps sold or distributed in the State for household use. It directs the Department of Environmental Protection to establish mercury content standards for lamps based on California standards. It directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to make purchasing decisions that favor models at comparable cost with high energy efficiency, lower mercury content and longer lamp life. It requires the Department of Environmental Protection to submit a report by January 1, 2010 to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources on the recycling of mercury-added lamps from households, and it authorizes the committee to submit legislation to implement the recommendations in the report. It requires the Department of Environmental Protection to submit a report by January 1, 2010 to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources on the recycling of mercury-added lamps from businesses, and it authorizes the committee to submit legislation to implement the recommendations in the report.