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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 986

**An Act To Protect the Public Health and the Environment by
Prohibiting the Sale of Wheel Weights Containing Lead or Mercury**

PUBLIC 125

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODALL	OTP-AM	S-91

This bill prohibits the sale of wheel weights that are made with lead or mercury.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-91)

This amendment replaces the bill. Under the amendment:

1. Beginning January 1, 2011, the use of lead or mercury wheel weights is prohibited when replacing or balancing a tire on a vehicle required to be registered in the State; and
2. Beginning January 1, 2011, the sale of lead or mercury wheel weights is prohibited, except that new motor vehicles equipped with lead or mercury wheel weights may be sold until January 1, 2012.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 125 provides that:

1. Beginning January 1, 2011, the use of lead or mercury wheel weights is prohibited when replacing or balancing a tire on a vehicle required to be registered in the State; and
2. Beginning January 1, 2011, the sale of lead or mercury wheel weights is prohibited, except that new motor vehicles equipped with lead or mercury wheel weights may be sold until January 1, 2012.

LD 991

An Act To Create a Statute of Limitations for Oil Discharge Violations

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

This bill requires an enforcement action for a violation of the oil discharge laws to be brought by the Department of Environmental Protection or the Attorney General within 3 years of the date the violation is reported to the Department of Environmental Protection.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-98)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note. This amendment was not adopted.