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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

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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 Natural Resources*

**LD 1017**    **Resolve, To Improve Recycling in Maine**

ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to examine the scope of recycling in this State and the feasibility of making recycling more comprehensive. The costs of this study must be paid by using funds from unclaimed deposits on beverage containers transferred to the State pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 1866-E in an amount not to exceed 2 percent of such funds transferred to the State in fiscal year 2008-09. The department shall report the results of its study to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than December 2, 2009. The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may introduce legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

**LD 1026**    **An Act Concerning Mercury-added Button Cell Batteries**

**PUBLIC 86**

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

This bill implements the recommendations of the Department of Environmental Protection in its report to the Legislature pursuant to Public Law 2005, chapter 509. The bill amends the ban on the sale of mercury-added button cell batteries.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 86 implements the recommendations of the Department of Environmental Protection in its report to the Legislature pursuant to Public Law 2005, chapter 509. The bill amends the ban on the sale of mercury-added button cell batteries.

**LD 1032**    **An Act To Ensure That Maine's Electronic Waste Collection and Recycling System Is Self-funded**

ONTP

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

This bill amends the laws governing the collection and recycling of electronic waste to require manufacturers of computer monitors and televisions to register with the Department of Environmental Protection and pay an annual registration fee of \$5,000.