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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 Business, Research and Economic Development

**LD 1014     An Act To Provide for the 2009 and 2010 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds**

**P & S 14  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SCHNEIDER	OTP-AM	S-54

This bill establishes the allocations of the state ceiling on issuance of tax-exempt bonds for calendar years 2009 and 2010. Under federal law, a maximum of \$273,270,000 in tax-exempt bonds benefiting private individuals or entities may be issued in the State in 2009, and at least \$273,270,000 in tax-exempt bonds benefiting private individuals or entities may be issued in the State in 2010. This bill allocates the state ceiling among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-54)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2009, chapter 14 establishes the allocations of the state ceiling on issuance of tax-exempt bonds for calendar years 2009 and 2010. Under federal law, a maximum of \$273,270,000 in tax-exempt bonds benefiting private individuals or entities may be issued in the State in 2009, and at least \$273,270,000 in tax-exempt bonds benefiting private individuals or entities may be issued in the State in 2010. This law allocates the state ceiling among the state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds.

Private and Special Law 2009, chapter 14 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 6, 2009.

**LD 1023     An Act To Require a Seller of a Gas Station To Provide an Updated Inspection Prior to Sale of the Property**

**ONTP**

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

This bill provides that in the case of the sale or transfer of any real estate where an underground gasoline storage tank used in connection with the retail sale of gasoline is located, the owner of the real estate, prior to such a sale or transfer, shall file a copy of the most recent annual inspection results relating to the underground gasoline storage tank with the purchaser or transferee.

**LD 1048     An Act To Increase the Amount of the Deposit on Returnable Beverage Containers**

**LEAVE TO  
WITHDRAW**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SIROIS NUTTING J	LTW	