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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

comprehensive land use plan.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-468)

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. It requires the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to submit a comprehensive land use plan or portions of a plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over conservation matters a minimum of 30 days prior to the final vote of the commission. It requires review by the legislative committee at a public meeting prior to the commission's vote. The commission must brief the committee on anticipated rule changes resulting from the revised plan. It retains the Governor's role in the process as it is under current law.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 375 requires the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission to submit a comprehensive land use plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over conservation matters a minimum of 30 days prior to the final vote of the commission. The commission must brief the committee on anticipated rule changes resulting from the revised plan. It requires review by the legislative committee at a public meeting prior to the commission's vote.

Public Law 2009, chapter 375 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2009.

LD 1053

An Act To Ensure Humane Dog and Cat Breeding in the State

**LEAVE TO
WITHDRAW**

Sponsor(s)

STEVENS

Committee Report

LTW

Amendments Adopted

This bill amends the definition of "breeding kennel" to include any location where dogs or cats capable of breeding are kept and one or more dogs or cats are sold. It increases the fee for licensing a dog that has not been spayed or neutered. It restricts the number of adult female dogs or cats capable of breeding that can be kept at a breeding kennel to 10. It establishes a license fee for breeding kennels that is based on the number of adult female dogs or cats capable of breeding kept at the kennel. For pet shops that sell dogs, the license fee is increased incrementally based on the number of dogs sold or offered for sale in the previous year.

LD 1103

An Act To Amend the Animal Welfare Laws

PUBLIC 343

Sponsor(s)

PIEH
NUTTING J

Committee Report

OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

H-523

This bill makes several revisions to the animal welfare laws in Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7 and Title 17.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-523)

This amendment removes the section of the bill that expanded membership on the Animal Welfare Advisory Council. It also removes language that included day care facilities for companion animals in the definition of "boarding kennel" and the requirement that a person operating a wolf hybrid kennel maintain records for 10 years.