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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 Business, Research and Economic Development

Committee Amendment "A" (S-160)

This resolve replaces the bill. It directs the Department of the Attorney General to develop a voluntary model standard art consignment contract to assist artists, art galleries and art dealers that must be posted on its publicly accessible website by January 15, 2010. It requires the Department of the Attorney General to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development on the development of the model contract by February 1, 2010.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 92 directs the Department of the Attorney General to develop a voluntary model standard art consignment contract to assist artists, art galleries and art dealers that must be posted on its publicly accessible website by January 15, 2010. It requires the Department of the Attorney General to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development on the development of the model contract by February 1, 2010.

LD 1085

An Act Concerning Dispute Resolution in Home Construction Contracts

PUBLIC 173

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS P	OTP-AM	S-107

This bill amends the home construction contract laws to clarify what steps may be taken to resolve a dispute between the parties in the contract.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-107)

This amendment replaces the bill. It changes the home construction contract laws to notify the parties of the option of resolving any smaller disputes in small claims court prior to engaging in mediation or arbitration.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 173 changes the home construction contract laws to notify the parties of the option of resolving any smaller disputes in small claims court prior to engaging in mediation or arbitration.

LD 1089

An Act To Regulate Mixed Martial Arts Competitions, Exhibitions and Events

PUBLIC 352

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PETERSON MARRACHE	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-493

This bill allows a mixed martial arts competition, exhibition or event to be held in the State as long as a license is issued by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. It requires the department to supervise and oversee mixed martial arts competitions, exhibitions or events held within the State in a manner that promotes mixed martial arts while protecting the public interest. The bill requires the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to select members of the mixed martial arts community to serve on an advisory council and to consult with the commissioner concerning the regulation of mixed martial arts. It requires these events to be held in accordance with the rules adopted by the department.