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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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety

LD 1130

An Act To Clarify the Crime of Obstructing Government Administration

ONTP

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

This bill provides that a person is guilty of obstructing government administration if the person intentionally or recklessly obstructs, resists, hinders or endangers any public servant performing or purporting to perform an official function. Current law provides that a person is guilty of obstructing government administration if the person intentionally interferes by force, violence or intimidation or by any physical act with a public servant performing or purporting to perform an official function.

LD 1138

Resolve, To Provide Assistance to Private Sellers of Firearms

RESOLVE 53

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HASKELL BRYANT B	OTP-AM	H-180

This resolve directs the Department of Public Safety to assist private sellers of firearms by providing information about how to collect appropriate information about the purchasers of firearms and how to obtain criminal history record checks on those purchasers. In this effort, the Department of Public Safety shall invite the United States Attorney for the District of Maine to collaborate in order to educate and encourage access to the Project Safe Neighborhoods website where private sellers can obtain a gun seller's tool kit. The department shall also invite the United States Attorney to assist it in contacting Maine's federally licensed firearms dealers and compiling a list of those dealers who are willing to perform criminal history record checks of buyers purchasing firearms from private sellers. The department shall post that list on its website and shall publicize the information to educate the public. The department shall report its progress to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by February 1, 2010.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-180)

This amendment directs the Department of Public Safety to assist private sellers of firearms by providing information about how to collect appropriate information about the purchasers of firearms and how to obtain criminal history record checks on those purchasers. In this effort, the Department of Public Safety shall invite the United States Attorney for the District of Maine and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine to collaborate in order to educate the public and private sellers and encourage access to the United States Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods website where private sellers can obtain a gun seller's tool kit. The department shall also invite the United States Attorney for the District of Maine and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine to assist it in contacting Maine's federally licensed firearms dealers and compiling a list of those dealers who are willing to perform criminal history record checks of buyers purchasing firearms from private sellers. The department shall post that list on its website and shall invite both the United States Attorney for the District of Maine and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine to include the list on their existing websites and shall publicize the information to educate the public. The department shall report its progress to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by February 1, 2010.

Enacted Law Summary