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**STATE OF MAINE**  
124<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> 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 Second 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:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i> .....	<i>Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i> .....	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i> .....	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i> .....	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed; bill died</i>
<i>ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)</i> .....	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i> .....	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Monday, July 12, 2010. 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*

**LD 1239**

**An Act To Provide Funding To Educate Homeowners in Integrated Pest Management**

**P & S 31**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLANCHARD SCHNEIDER	OTP-AM	H-619

LD 1239 was carried over from the First Regular Session. This bill establishes a 15¢ per container fee on the retail sale of pesticides. The proceeds of the fee are deposited in the Maine Pesticide Education Fund, which is used to fund the Integrated Pest Management Fund, the Board of Pesticides Control and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension for pest management education programs.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-619)**

This amendment replaces the bill with a one-time transfer of \$50,000 from the Board of Pesticides Control to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension for educating homeowners in integrated pest management.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2009, chapter 31 makes a one-time transfer of \$50,000 from the Board of Pesticides Control to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension for educating homeowners in integrated pest management.

**LD 1517**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Milk Commission**

**RESOLVE 155  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-608

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Maine Milk Commission.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-608)**

This amendment denies authorization for final adoption of portions of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Maine Milk Commission.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2009, chapter 155 denies authorization for final adoption of portions of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Maine Milk Commission. The production tiers and target prices proposed in the provisionally adopted rule conflict with those enacted under Public Law 2009, chapter 467. ( See bill summary for LD 1758)

Resolve 2009, chapter 155 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective February 12, 2010.