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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.

LD 1483	Resolve, To Stimulate the Maine Economy by Allowing the Federal First-time Home Buyer Tax Credit To Be Used at Closing of a Real Estate Transaction	RESOLVE 133 EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
CLEARY	OTP-AM	H-569

This bill allows the Treasurer of State to deposit up to $4,000,000 with financial institutions in the State at a reduced rate of return and requires those financial institutions to provide bridge loans to first-time home buyers for the purpose of making home energy improvements or down payment assistance to allow those first-time home buyers to take advantage of the federal housing tax credit for first-time home buyers.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-569)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that provides that, if the United States Internal Revenue Service permits the first-time home buyer tax credit available under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to be paid directly to 3rd parties, the administrator of the Maine Consumer Credit Code may adopt routine technical rules to facilitate the use of the tax credit funds for the financing of all or part of the down payment, closing costs, prepaid expenses and home energy improvement costs of first-time home buyers by supervised lenders and supervised financial organizations.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 133 provides that, if the United States Internal Revenue Service permits the first-time home buyer tax credit available under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to be paid directly to 3rd parties, the administrator of the Maine Consumer Credit Code may adopt routine technical rules to facilitate the use of the tax credit funds for the financing of all or part of the down payment, closing costs, prepaid expenses and home energy improvement costs of first-time home buyers by supervised lenders and supervised financial organizations.

Resolve 2009, chapter 133 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 15, 2009.

LD 1489	An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011	PUBLIC 371 EMERGENCY

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
CAIN DIAMOND		

LD 1489 is the Governor's proposed emergency Supplemental Budget Bill for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011. It was introduced in the House without reference to a committee.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 371 does the following: