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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the Second 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 Second 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:

<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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 124th 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

specifies that reductions in payments for milk produced in June, July and August of 2010 are to reflect a 1:2 ratio between adjacent tiers.

Chapter 467 authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters to submit legislation to revise the tiers and target prices used to calculate dairy stabilization payments to the 125th Legislature.

Public Law 2009, chapter 467 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 12, 2010.

See the bill summary for LD 1829 for subsequent revisions pertaining to the distribution of payments.

LD 1765

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 348: Poultry Slaughter and Processing with Grower/Producer Exemption, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

**RESOLVE 185
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-728

This resolve provides for legislative review of Chapter 348: Poultry Slaughter and Processing with Grower/Producer Exemption, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-728)

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. It requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to include requirements for the humane handling and slaughter of poultry in Chapter 348: Poultry Slaughter and Processing with Grower/Producer Exemption prior to final adoption and authorizes the commissioner to finally adopt the rule without additional hearings or proceedings.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 185 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 348: Poultry Slaughter and Processing with Grower/Producer Exemption provided requirements for the humane handling and slaughter of poultry are included in the rule.

Resolve 2009, chapter 185 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 31, 2010.

LD 1788

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources To Examine the Collection of the Milk Handling Fee on Packaged Milk for Out-of-state Sales

RESOLVE 183

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