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**STATE OF MAINE**  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND  
ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD 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 LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

*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; legislation died  
*DIED BETWEEN HOUSES*..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died  
*DIED IN CONCURRENCE*..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died  
*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died  
*EMERGENCY*..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment  
*FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE* ..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote  
*FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE*..... failed to receive final majority vote  
*FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT* ..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote  
*HELD BY GOVERNOR*..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session  
*LEAVE TO WITHDRAW*..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY* ..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died  
*INDEF PP*..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died  
*ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X*... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died  
*P&S XXX*..... chapter # of enacted private & special law  
*PUBLIC XXX*..... chapter # of enacted public Law  
*RESOLVE XXX*..... chapter # of finally passed resolve  
*VETO SUSTAINED*..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature is September 28, 2011. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

*Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

**LD 11**

**An Act To Regulate the Keeping of Wolf Hybrids**

**PUBLIC 100  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRAHAN	OTP-AM	S-50

LD 11 changes the registration requirement for a wolf hybrid kennel to a licensing requirement. It directs the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to consult with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on potential threats to wildlife and public safety prior to issuing a license. It provides for the conditional licensure of kennels that were previously registered.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-50)**

This amendment replaces the bill. It prohibits the keeping of a wolf hybrid without a permit for keeping wildlife in captivity issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It provides an exception to the prohibition for wolf hybrids that are kept as pets and licensed under the dog licensing statutes in 2011.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 100 prohibits the keeping of a wolf hybrid without a permit for keeping wildlife in captivity issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It provides an exception to the prohibition for wolf hybrids that are kept as pets and licensed under the dog licensing statutes in 2011. It enacts provisions for the disposition of wolf hybrids that are found at large. A shelter that accepts a wolf hybrid that is not claimed by its owner within 6 days may transfer ownership to a person holding a permit to possess wildlife in captivity or a person who operates a licensed animal refuge outside the State or after 8 days may have the animal euthanized. It directs the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to adopt rules to regulate the importation and possession of wolf hybrids and establish confinement standards to protect the public. It directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to update the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on the status of wolf hybrids kept as pets and to submit a bill to update statutory provisions pertaining to the keeping of wolf hybrids when all animals kept as pets under these provisions are deceased.

It amends the definition of "dog" to distinguish between dogs and wolf hybrids under certain chapters of the animal welfare laws while continuing to include wolf hybrids in the definition of "dog" in others. It allows a licensed animal shelter that is functioning as a wolf hybrid refuge in this State to continue to accept wolf hybrids from within the State until July 1, 2012. The facility must obtain a permit to possess wildlife from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December 31, 2012.

Public Law 2009, chapter 100 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 19, 2011.

**LD 16**

**An Act To Revise Notification Requirements for Pesticides Applications  
Using Aircraft or Air-carrier Equipment**

**ONTP**

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

LD 16 revises the criteria for required notification of pesticides application to those on the notification registry.