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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 125th 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 125th 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 Judiciary

must remain with the attorney for the State or the court. Chapter 39 is consistent with the federal requirements of custody and treatment of evidence of child pornography pursuant to the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, Public Law 109-248.

LD 58 An Act To Prohibit Enforcement of the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ONTP

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

This bill expresses the findings of the Legislature that the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, signed into law by President Barack Obama on March 23, 2010, is in violation of the United States Constitution, Amendment X and, as such, is considered null and void in Maine. This bill prohibits a federal or state official, agent or employee from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or any other statute, law, rule, regulation or order made in connection with that Act. Violation by a federal official is a Class C crime, punishable by up to 5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. Violation by a state official is a Class D crime, punishable by less than one year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000. The bill also allows a civil cause of action.

See also LD 1233, referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services.

LD 90 An Act Regarding Graphic Images Displayed with the Intention of Interfering with Civil Rights ONTP

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

This bill amends the Maine Civil Rights Act to limit the size of images of human or fetal remains that may be displayed by any person with the intention of interfering with the exercise of constitutional or other legal rights.

LD 95 An Act To Repeal the Restriction on Serving or Executing Civil Process on Sunday PUBLIC 32

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill repeals the restriction on serving or executing civil process on Sunday.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 32 repeals the restriction on serving or executing civil process on Sunday.