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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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs

insurance premiums for certain employees.

PART GG authorizes the administrator of the Maine Milk Pool to distribute a specified amount under the dairy stabilization program between March 1, 2011 and June 30, 2011.

PART HH transfers unexpended funds from the Board of Pesticides Control, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

PART II requires the Finance Authority of Maine to make a one-time payment of a portion of the interest earned in the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund to the State as undedicated General Fund revenue.

PART JJ changes the salary range for the position of Deputy Chief Medical Examiner.

Public Law 2011, chapter 1 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 8, 2011.

LD 111 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Large-scale Marketing and Research and Development for Bulk Sales of Maine Seafood Worldwide Carried Over

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

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$3,000,000, will be used for large-scale marketing of Maine seafood and for research and development for seafood production and processing to increase bulk sales of Maine seafood worldwide.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 141 An Act To Increase the Retirement Age for New State Employees to 65 Years of Age ONTP

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. The bill proposes to impose a retirement age of 65 years of age for those employees participating in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System who have not yet vested.

LD 1043, as enacted, contains a similar provision.