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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

LD 109 Resolve, To Study the Promotion and Expansion of the Maine Maple Sugar Industry

**RESOLVE 48
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PETERSON RECTOR	OTP-AM	H-159

LD 109 establishes the Commission To Study the Promotion and Expansion of the Maine Maple Sugar Industry to examine enhancing the branding of Maine maple sugar products, the use of the maple resource, increasing value-added jobs and promoting export markets. The commission is required to provide an interim report no later than December 7, 2011 and a final report by November 7, 2012.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-159)

This amendment replaces the proposal for a legislative study with a task force convened by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. It directs the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to provide staff support to the task force.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 48 directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to convene a task force to study the promotion and expansion of the Maine Maple Sugar Industry. It requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to submit a final report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than December 7, 2011. It authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

Resolve 2011, chapter 48 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 25, 2011.

LD 155 Resolve, To Require the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources To Develop Rules for the Moisture Content of Commercial Firewood

ONTP

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

LD 155 requires the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to adopt rules governing the moisture content of commercial firewood. These rules must include standards for determining whether firewood is seasoned or unseasoned or green based on the moisture content of the firewood.