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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.

LD 177

An Act To Authorize Licensed Veterinarians To Honor Prescriptions from Other Licensed Veterinarians

PUBLIC 30

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHAW THIBODEAU	OTP-AM	H-46

This bill requires that a licensed veterinarian's prescriptions be honored by other licensed veterinarians.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-46)

This amendment removes the language in the bill that required a licensed veterinarian's prescriptions to be honored by other licensed veterinarians and instead provides a licensed veterinarian with the authority to sell and dispense the written prescription of another licensed veterinarian.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 30 provides a licensed veterinarian with the authority to sell and dispense the written prescription of another licensed veterinarian.

LD 186

An Act To Repeal Laws Prohibiting Certain Businesses from Operating on Sunday

ONTP

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

This bill repeals the so-called "Sunday blue laws," which prohibit certain businesses, such as automobile dealerships, from operating on Sundays.

LD 187

An Act To Amend the Laws Regulating Dealers of Agricultural, Industrial, Construction and Forestry Equipment

PUBLIC 236

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BICKFORD BRANNIGAN	OTP-AM	H-324

This bill expands the definition of "dealer" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapter 208-B to include persons engaged in retail sales of forestry equipment and light industrial equipment. Chapter 208-B contains provisions pertaining to agreements between suppliers and dealers of farm and utility machinery and yard and garden equipment. It contains repurchase provisions and warranty obligations.

This bill defines "single-line dealer" and excludes a single-line dealer from the protections and obligations under this chapter. It extends from 90 days to 120 days the advance notice required for a supplier or a dealer to notify the other of intent to terminate a supplier-dealer agreement. It revises the requirements for a supplier to repurchase inventory from a dealer. It reduces the period within which payment must be made from 60 to 45 days after receipt of the