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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 Environment and Natural Resources

LD 180

Resolve, To Change Rules Concerning Landfill Gas and Odor Management from Routine Technical Rules to Major Substantive Rules

**RESOLVE 43
EMERGENCY**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| AYOTTE JACKSON | OTP | |

This resolve requires that rules governing the management of landfill gas and odors at solid waste facilities adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection, Board of Environmental Protection pursuant to Resolve 2007, chapter 170 are major substantive rules rather than routine technical rules.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 43 requires that rules governing the management of landfill gas and odors at solid waste facilities adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection, Board of Environmental Protection pursuant to Resolve 2007, chapter 170 are major substantive rules rather than routine technical rules.

Resolve 2011, chapter 43 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 23, 2011.

LD 219

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Shoreland Zoning

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| SNOWE-MELLO | ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN | |

This bill reduces the width of land that is subject to shoreland zoning and land use controls from 250 feet to 75 feet from the normal high-water line or upland edge of any body of water, river or wetland. A municipal ordinance regarding shoreland zoning in effect on January 1, 2011 is considered valid and remains in effect until rescinded, amended or changed by that municipality.

LD 240

An Act To Allow the Removal of Gravel Bars in the Sandy River

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BLACK SAVIELLO | ONTP | |

This bill allows the removal or displacement of point gravel bars from the Sandy River in the Town of Farmington without a Natural Resources Protection Act permit from the Department of Environmental Protection.