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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 182

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources To Develop Criteria for Identifying Invasive Terrestrial Plants

RESOLVE 65

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EVES SCHNEIDER	OTP-AM	H-259

LD 182 prohibits the sale of *Elaeagnus angustifolia*, a shrub commonly called "Russian olive." It directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to adopt rules establishing criteria for evaluating nonnative plant species for designation as invasive terrestrial plants. A list of plants meeting the criteria for invasive terrestrial plants would be established in rule and those plants prohibited from sale.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-259)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve directing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to establish criteria through rulemaking for identifying invasive terrestrial plants no later than February 1, 2012. The commissioner is directed to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry on the evaluation criteria adopted and a list of plants being considered for evaluation.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 65 directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to establish criteria through rulemaking for identifying invasive terrestrial plants no later than February 1, 2012. The commissioner is directed to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry on the evaluation criteria adopted and a list of plants being considered for evaluation.

LD 190

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 2-C: Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

**RESOLVE 7
EMERGENCY**

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

LD 190 provides for legislative review of Chapter 2-C: Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 7 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 2-C: Voluntary Municipal Farm Support Program, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

Resolve 2011, chapter 7 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 23, 2011.