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STATE OF MAINE  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 125<sup>th</sup> 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development*

**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