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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 Judiciary

Committee Amendment "A" (H-375)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 426 removes the provision of law that repeals the laws that direct fines derived from tribal law enforcement activities to the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation.

LD 202

An Act To Modify Child Support Enforcement Procedures

PUBLIC 34

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NASS ROSEN R	OTP-AM	H-45

This bill amends several child support enforcement provisions. It:

1. Eliminates the 6-month limitation on a court order for a child support obligor to seek employment;
2. Changes the child support guidelines from requiring that the support obligation of a nonprimary care provider who earns less than the federal poverty guidelines may not exceed 10% of the nonprimary care provider's weekly gross income for each child for whom support is awarded to requiring that the support obligation may not exceed 10% of the nonprimary care provider's weekly gross income regardless of the number of children; and
3. Limits the assignment of child support received by a recipient of public assistance to only that support that accrues during the period that the recipient receives public assistance.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-45)

This amendment reinstates the limitation, which was removed in the bill, on a court order for a child support obligor, expanding the limitation from 6 months as in current law to one year.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 34 does the following:

1. It changes the child support guidelines from requiring that the support obligation of a nonprimary care provider who earns less than the federal poverty guidelines may not exceed 10% of the nonprimary care provider's weekly gross income for each child for whom support is awarded to requiring that the support obligation may not exceed 10% of the nonprimary care provider's weekly gross income regardless of the number of children;
2. It limits the assignment of child support received by a recipient of public assistance to only that support that accrues during the period that the recipient receives public assistance; and
3. It expands the 6-month limitation on a court order for a child support obligor to seek employment to one year.