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**STATE OF MAINE**  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



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 Second 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.

<i>CARRIED OVER</i> .....	<i>carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i> .....	<i>House &amp; Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i> .....	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i> .....	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i> .....	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i> .....	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i> ...	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted private &amp; special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of finally passed resolve</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Thursday, August 30, 2012. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

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**LD 63**      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Repair the Mountain Division Rail Line**      **ONTP**

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

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$21,000,000, will be used to repair the Mountain Division rail line between Portland and Fryeburg.

**LD 111**      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Large-scale Marketing and Research and Development for Bulk Sales of Maine Seafood Worldwide**      **ONTP**

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

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$3,000,000, will be used for large-scale marketing of Maine seafood and for research and development for seafood production and processing to increase bulk sales of Maine seafood worldwide.

**LD 225**      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$20,000,000 To Fund Research and Development**      **VETO SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RECTOR	OTP-AM	S-569

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$50,000,000, will be used to provide funds for research and development for Maine-based public and private institutions for environmental and renewable energy technology, biomedical technology and biotechnology, aquaculture and marine technology, composite materials technology, advanced technologies for forestry and agriculture, information technology and precision manufacturing technology through a competitive process.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-569)**

This amendment reduces the funds provided by this bond issue by \$30,000,000.

The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$20,000,000, will be used to provide funds for research and development and commercialization as prioritized by the Office of Innovation's current Science and Technology Action Plan for Maine. The funds must be awarded to Maine-based public and private institutions for environmental and renewable energy technology, biomedical technology and biotechnology, aquaculture and marine technology,

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composite materials technology, advanced technologies for forestry and agriculture, information technology and precision manufacturing technology through a competitive process.

**LD 263      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Construction of a Marine Technology Incubator Facility at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute      ONTP**

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

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$10,000,000, will be used to fund construction of a marine technology incubator facility at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

**LD 359      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Wastewater and Drinking Water Revolving Loan Funds      PUBLIC 695**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FLOOD GOODALL	OTP-AM	H-957

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$15,500,000, will be used to fund revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and wastewater facilities and to secure federal grants.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-957)**

This amendment reduces by \$7,575,000 the funds provided by the bond issue.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 695 provides for a bond issue, in the amount of \$7,925,000, to fund revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and wastewater facilities and to secure federal grants.

**LD 381      An Act To Establish a New Method of Determining the State Budget      ONTP**

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

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. This bill shifts the start of the fiscal biennium for the state budget from the first regular session of the Legislature to the second regular session of the Legislature, beginning with the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2014. It also provides that the state budget beginning on July 1, 2013, is a one-year budget.