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



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY**

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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry*

**LD 242**

**An Act To Prevent the Spread of Milfoil in the Songo River**

**DIED BETWEEN  
HOUSES**

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

LD 242 directs the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Commissioner of Conservation to close the lock on the Songo River in the Town of Naples to prevent the upstream spread of aquatic invasive plant species.

This bill was voted by the House and Senate without reference to a committee.

**LD 320**

**An Act To Amend Shelter Provisions To Accommodate Rotational  
Grazing of Livestock**

**PUBLIC 76**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EDGECOMB	OTP-AM	H-98

LD 320 exempts livestock producers from certain shelter requirements for livestock while they are kept under a rotational grazing system.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-98)**

This amendment clarifies that livestock kept under a rotational grazing system are exempt from shelter requirements only when the animals are in good body condition and physically able to access food and water.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 76 exempts livestock kept under a rotational grazing system from shelter requirements when the animals are in good body condition and physically able to access food and water.

**LD 321**

**An Act To Change the Qualifications of Certain Members of the Board  
of Pesticides Control**

**PUBLIC 119**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EDGECOMB	OTP-AM	H-187

LD 321 expands the specialty areas in which the scientist member of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Board of Pesticides Control may specialize and also specifies that one public member must have practical experience and knowledge of pesticides use in ornamental horticulture and urban landscapes.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-187)**

This amendment revises statutory provisions for members of the Board of Pesticides Control in a different way than