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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 Environment and Natural Resources*

**LD 262**

**An Act To Expand Eligibility of Certain Municipal Landfills To Participate in the State's Remediation and Closure Program**

**PUBLIC 435**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHNSON P THOMAS	OTP-AM	H-30

This bill amends the closure and remediation cost-sharing program that was established in the late 1980's to help municipalities close and clean-up landfills. The bill makes the cost-sharing program applicable to municipal landfills that were originally licensed on or before September 1, 1989 and that incur closure costs before December 31, 2015. It also makes state-cost share contingent on a finding by the commissioner that the landfill is contaminating groundwater and that corrective actions have not been successful.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-30)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 435 amends the closure and remediation cost-sharing program that was established in the late 1980's to help municipalities close and clean-up landfills. It makes the cost-sharing program applicable to municipal landfills that were originally licensed on or before September 1, 1989 and that incur closure costs before December 31, 2015. It also makes state-cost share contingent on a finding by the commissioner that the landfill is contaminating groundwater and that corrective actions have not been successful.

**LD 310**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 232: Well Drillers and Pump Installers Rules, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Water Well Commission**

**RESOLVE 13  
EMERGENCY**

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

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 232: Well Drillers and Pump Installers Rules, a major substantive rule of the Maine Water Well Commission.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 13 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 232: Well Drillers and Pump Installers Rules, a major substantive rule of the Maine Water Well Commission.

Resolve 2011, chapter 13 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 31, 2011.