

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals  
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

**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**

July 2011

**MEMBERS:**

SEN. ROGER L. SHERMAN, CHAIR  
SEN. MICHAEL D. THIBODEAU  
SEN. ELIZABETH M. SCHNEIDER

REP. PETER E. EDGECOMB, CHAIR  
REP. DEAN A. CRAY  
REP. JEFFERY ALLEN GIFFORD  
REP. RUSSELL J. BLACK  
REP. KAREN D. FOSTER  
REP. JEFFREY L. TIMBERLAKE  
REP. JEFF M. MCCABE  
REP. ANDREW R. O'BRIEN  
REP. PETER S. KENT  
REP. JAMES F. DILL

**STAFF:**

JILL IPPOLITI, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST  
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS  
13 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, ME 04333  
(207) 287-1670

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



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*

Revenue Forecasting Committee's December 2010 recommendation for transfer from the General Fund to the Maine Milk Pool in fiscal year 2011-12. This resolve directs the administrator to reduce payments by the same percentage for each tier for the months from October 2011 to June 2012. It provides for progressively greater reductions between tiers for payments distributed in July, August and September.

**LD 394**      **Resolve, Directing the Conveyance of Conservation Land in Rockport**      **RESOLVE 9**

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

LD 394 allows the conveyance by Coastal Mountains Land Trust by quitclaim deed of portions of the Brown tract in the Ragged Mountain Preserve in the Town of Rockport in exchange for receipt by Coastal Mountains Land Trust by quitclaim deed of a parcel of land located in the center of the Ragged Mountain Preserve.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 9 allows the conveyance by Coastal Mountains Land Trust by quitclaim deed of portions of the Brown tract in the Ragged Mountain Preserve in the Town of Rockport in exchange for receipt by Coastal Mountains Land Trust by quitclaim deed of a parcel of land located in the center of the Ragged Mountain Preserve.

**LD 408**      **Resolve, To Study the Sustainability of the Harness Racing Industry**      **DIED BETWEEN HOUSES**

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

LD 408 establishes the Commission To Study the Sustainability of the Harness Racing Industry with members from the Legislature and harness racing interests to study the distribution of the traditional harness racing handle and its impact on the financial viability of all aspects of the harness racing industry. This resolve was not referred to a legislative committee.

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

**LD 467**      **An Act To Simplify Dog Licensure By Establishing a 3-year License**      **ONTP**

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

LD 467 provides an option for an owner or keeper of a dog to obtain a 3-year license if the dog has received a 3-year rabies vaccine. The bill also establishes a 3-year license fee of \$33 for dogs capable of producing young and \$18 for dogs incapable of producing young.