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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 Insurance and Financial Services

LD 544

An Act To Eliminate Duplication of Paint Disclosure and Radon Requirements

PUBLIC 96

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CUSHING COURTNEY	OTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

The bill eliminates the duplication of state and federal lead-based paint disclosure requirements and amends the law requiring radon testing of residential buildings to exempt buildings used exclusively for short-term or seasonal rentals of less than 100 days.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-82)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment removes the provision of the bill that exempts buildings used exclusively for short-term or seasonal rentals of less than 100 days from the law requiring radon testing of residential buildings by landlords.

Committee Amendment "A" was not adopted.

House Amendment "A" (H-96)

This amendment limits the exemption from radon testing created in the bill for certain residential buildings to those residential buildings used exclusively for rental under a nonrenewable short-term lease of 100 days or less during the period between May 1st and October 31st. The effect of this amendment is that those buildings leased from November 1st to April 30th, even if under a short-term lease, will continue to be required to be tested for radon.

House Amendment "A" was not adopted.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 96 eliminates the duplication of state and federal lead-based paint disclosure requirements and amends the law requiring radon testing of residential buildings to exempt buildings used exclusively for short-term or seasonal rentals of less than 100 days.

LD 567

An Act To Prevent Insurer Limits on Certain Dental Fees

ONTP

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

This bill prevents insurers from limiting dental fees that are not covered by the insurer or the portion of a dental fee that exceeds the amount covered.