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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

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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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities for the certified nursing assistant test and allowing supervision of a certified nursing assistant by a registered nurse in a home care setting for purposes of recertification and retains the provisions of the bill requiring certain offices within the Department of Health and Human Services to implement a demonstration project on certified nursing assistant qualification.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 35 requires certain offices within the Department of Health and Human Services to work together with licensed home health agencies and nursing facilities to design and implement a demonstration project on certified nursing assistant qualification for continued listing on the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants beginning January 1, 2012. The resolve requires the project to provide a mechanism by which a person who is working as an unlicensed assistive person may work or serve as a trainee in a licensed home health agency or nursing facility under required supervision in order to qualify for certification on the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants.

**LD 555 An Act To Utilize a Dental Complaint Review Panel**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PRESCOTT MARTIN T	ONTP	

This bill provides for a preliminary review of all complaints filed with the Board of Dental Examiners by a review panel of 3 members of the board. The review panel has the power, by a unanimous vote, to dismiss complaints it believes are without merit or do not state complaints within the jurisdiction of the board. All other complaints must be forwarded to the full board for further action.

**LD 575 An Act To Extend a Deadline under the Regional Economic Development Revolving Loan Program**

**PUBLIC 11  
EMERGENCY**

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

The bill extends to June 30, 2012 the date until which entities eligible for loan insurance may be eligible for financial assistance under the Finance Authority of Maine's Regional Economic Development Revolving Loan Program.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 11 extends to June 30, 2012 the date until which entities eligible for loan insurance may be eligible for financial assistance under the Finance Authority of Maine's Regional Economic Development Revolving Loan Program.

Public Law 2011, chapter 11 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 31, 2011.