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**STATE OF MAINE**  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SECOND 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 Second 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.

<i>CARRIED OVER</i> .....	<i>carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i> .....	<i>House &amp; Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i> .....	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i> .....	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i> .....	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i> .....	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i> ...	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted private &amp; special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of finally passed resolve</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Thursday, August 30, 2012. 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 Appropriations and Financial Affairs*

**LD 420**      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Fund Building a Container Port on Sears Island**      **ONTP**

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

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$200,000,000, will be used to fund building a privately operated container port on Sears Island.

**LD 470**      **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Complete Renovation of a Bulkhead at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute**      **ONTP**

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

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$1,000,000, will be used to complete renovation of a bulkhead at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

**LD 513**      **RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To More Equitably Fund the Liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System**      **ONTP**

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

This resolution was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to remove the requirement that experience losses incurred by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System be retired in only 10 years and to change the required amortization schedule of unfunded liabilities from a fixed 31-year schedule to a so-called open or rolling 25-year schedule.

**LD 565**      **An Act To Provide Funding for the World Acadian Congress**      **ONTP**

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

***Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs***

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. This bill provides funds for the World Acadian Congress in fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13 only.

**LD 741      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Water and Sewer Infrastructure To Protect Public Health and To Facilitate the Expansion and Growth of Business      ONTP**

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

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$30,000,000, will be used to repair and reconstruct water and sewer systems that the Department of Environmental Protection considers in greatest need of attention and the greatest threat to the public health and the expansion of business.

LD 359, enacted as Public Law 2011, chapter 695, contains a similar bond proposal.

**LD 777      An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Expand Necessary Capital Improvements at the University of Maine System That Support the Critical Disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math To Enhance Economic Development and Employment Opportunities for Maine Citizens      ONTP**

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

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$40,000,000, will be used to expand necessary capital improvements in the critical disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics at the University of Maine System.

LD 874, enacted as Pubic Law 2011, chapter 700, contains a similar bond proposal.

**LD 807      An Act To Limit the Bonding Authority of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to Court Facility Projects      VETO  
SUSTAINED**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WATERHOUSE ROSEN R	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-958

This bill was carried forward from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. This bill removes the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority's ability to issue bonds or negotiable securities beginning October 1, 2011.