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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 Veterans and Legal Affairs

Committee Amendment "A" (H-183)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides mobile home park owners and operators a process for the disposal of abandoned manufactured housing. For purposes of the amendment, "manufactured housing" is defined to include a mobile home or a modular home on leased land. This process is based on the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, section 6013, which were enacted in Public Law 2009, chapter 566 by the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature and relate to the disposal of personal property abandoned by a tenant. Public Law 2009, chapter 566 also inadvertently repealed the process governing the disposal of manufactured housing by a landlord. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 127 provides mobile home park owners and operators a process for the disposal of abandoned manufactured housing. This process is based on the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, section 6013, which were enacted in Public Law 2009, chapter 566 by the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature and relate to the disposal of personal property abandoned by a tenant. For purposes of the law, "manufactured housing" is defined to include a mobile home or a modular home on leased land.

Public Law 2011, chapter 127 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 23, 2011.

LD 659 An Act To Repeal the Maine Clean Election Laws

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY THIBODEAU	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill repeals the Maine Clean Election Act.

LD 663 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Corporate Political Donations

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RUSSELL	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

This bill provides a tax on corporate campaign contributions and electioneering communications.