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125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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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 Environment and Natural Resources**

3. Decreasing from 5 to 4 the number of public members.

The amendment also alters the duties of the review board to include reviewing Department of Environmental Protection priorities for disbursements from the Ground Water Oil Clean-up Fund and making recommendations to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection on how the fund should be allocated. The amendment also provides for the number of meetings to be held by the review board and for the annual selection of a chair. The amendment also consolidates responsibilities for hearing appeals and reporting to the Legislature in the section of law that deals with the review board. The amendment retains the provision in current law that repeals the review board on December 31, 2015. The amendment also retains the provision in the bill that provides that total disbursements from the Ground Water Oil Clean-up Fund for administrative expenses may not exceed \$2,000,000 per fiscal year.

**House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-314)**

This amendment strikes the section of Committee Amendment "A" that provides that total disbursements from the Ground Water Oil Clean-up Fund for administrative expenses may not exceed \$2,000,000 per fiscal year.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 243 changes the membership of the Fund Insurance Review Board; alters the duties of the review board to include reviewing Department of Environmental Protection priorities for disbursements from the Ground Water Oil Clean-up Fund and making recommendations to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection on how the fund should be allocated; provides for the number of meetings to be held by the review board and for the annual selection of a chair; consolidates responsibilities for hearing appeals and reporting to the Legislature in the section of law that deals with the review board; and retains the provision in current law that repeals the review board on December 31, 2015.

**LD 680      Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Environmental Protection To      ONTP  
 Convene a Task Force To Study the Effect of Additives in Gasoline**

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

This resolve requires the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to convene a task force to study and report to the Legislature on the effects of additives in gasoline on the environment.

**LD 693      An Act Concerning Solid Waste Facility Citizen Advisory Committees      Carried Over**

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

This bill clarifies that a solid waste facility citizen advisory committee is to continue through the closure of the facility. It authorizes a citizen advisory committee to appeal licensing and permitting decisions and intervene in licensing and permitting proceedings if the disposition of the proceedings could impair the ability of the committee to carry out its responsibilities. It authorizes municipalities that appoint members to a citizen advisory committee to appeal licensing and permitting decisions and intervene in licensing and permitting