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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 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 Veterans and Legal Affairs*

**LD 677**     **An Act Regarding the Determination of Distance for the Purposes of the Gambling Control Board Laws**

**PUBLIC 56**

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

This bill makes a technical clarification regarding the determination of distance in the laws governing the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 56 provides that, for the purpose of determining distances between gambling facilities under the jurisdiction of the Gambling Control Board, the board shall measure the distance using the most commonly used roadway as determined by the Department of Transportation.

**LD 723**     **An Act To End Homelessness for Veterans in Maine**

**PUBLIC 329**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND	OTP-AM	S-251

This bill requires the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to establish a partnership with a national, human services-based volunteer organization, such as the Volunteers of America, to help remedy and prevent the problem of homelessness among veterans.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-251)**

This amendment authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to accept outside or federal funding to accomplish the goals of the partnership to address homelessness of veterans. The amendment also prioritizes the goals of the partnership.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 329 requires the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to establish a partnership with a national, human services-based volunteer organization, such as the Volunteers of America, to help remedy and prevent the problem of homelessness among veterans. It authorizes the director to accept outside or federal funding to accomplish the goals of the partnership to address homelessness of veterans. This law also prioritizes the goals of the partnership.