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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

LD 726 **Resolve, To Reduce Funding to Maine Clean Election Act Candidates**

RESOLVE 89

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCORMICK	OTP-AM	S-253

This resolve provides that the amount distributed to certified candidates by the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to the Maine Clean Election Act during the 2012 election cycle must be 20% less than the amount distributed to certified candidates by the commission during the 2010 election cycle.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-253)

This amendment changes the amount by which distributions from the Maine Clean Election Fund to certified candidates will be reduced in the 2012 election cycle from 20% to 5%. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 89 reduces the amount of distributions from the Maine Clean Election Fund to certified candidates in the 2012 election cycle by 5%.

LD 763 **An Act To Allow the Sale of Locally Produced Beer and Wine at Farmers' Markets**

PUBLIC 280

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACDONALD	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-342

This bill allows in-state manufacturers of wine or malt liquor to sell their wine or malt liquor at authorized farmers' markets in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-342)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment strikes the provisions that wine and malt liquor may be provided to others for retail sale and establishes an authorization process for small breweries and farm wineries to sell the products they produce at farmers' markets. The amendment also adds a requirement that a farmers' market must have municipal approval to sell wine and malt liquor.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 280 establishes an authorization process for small breweries and farm wineries to sell the products they produce at farmers' markets. This process, administered by the Division of Liquor Licensing within the Department of Public Safety, includes a requirement that a farmers' market must have municipal approval to sell wine and malt liquor.