### MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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.

CARRIED OVER
CON RES XXX chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE
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 PASSAGEemergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENTlegislation 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 BODYruled 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
PUBLIC XXX
RESOLVE XXX
VETO SUSTAINEDLegislature failed to override Governor's veto

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

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

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
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.

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

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
CAIN RECTOR	ONTP	

**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

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
WATERHOUSE ROSEN R	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	Н-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.

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

#### Committee Amendment "A" (H-958)

This amendment restores the authority of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue bonds or negotiable securities for court facility projects only and changes the date after which the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority cannot issue bonds or negotiable securities for other purposes from October 1, 2011, to January 1, 2013.

# LD 829 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Invest in Transportation, Broadband Infrastructure, Downtown Revitalization, Land for Maine's Future and Training Facilities in Labor Market Areas with Higher than Average Unemployment for Tourism-related Training

MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MCCABE	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

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 \$100,000,000, will be used to provide funds over 5 years for the State's transportation biennial capital work plan, the Communities for Maine's Future Program, the ConnectME Authority, the Land for Maine's Future Board, the University of Maine System and the Maine Community College System for tourism-related training, targeted to particular projects in labor markets that have an unemployment rate higher than the statewide average.

#### Committee Amendment "A" (H-959)

This amendment is the minority report. The funds provided, in the amount of \$1,000,000, will be used to provide funds for the Communities for Maine's Future Program, targeted to particular projects in labor market areas that have an unemployment rate higher than the statewide average.

## LD 842 An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Research and Sustainable Development of Maine's Natural Resources

Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The major portion of the funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount \$45,000,000, will be used to fund research, development and commercialization of innovative technology that relies on the sustainable use of Maine's natural resources such as forest and agricultural products and tidal and wind energy. The remaining \$5,000,000 will be used to support sustainable local economic development projects that enhance the economic benefits of increased reliance on local foods and recycling of consumer products. The funds must be administered by the Maine Technology Institute and competitively awarded.

LD 225, as enacted by the Legislature, contains a similar bond proposal.