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STATE OF MAINE  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST 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 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 Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

**LD 866**      **Resolve, To Establish a Consistent Workers' Compensation Classification for Pharmacies**

**MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This resolve requires the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance to establish a workers' compensation business classification for pharmacies so that the workers' compensation insurance rate for employees of a pharmacy located within a larger retail store is identical to the workers' compensation insurance rate for employees of a stand-alone pharmacy.

**LD 878**      **An Act To Provide a Temporary License To Operate a Public Dance Establishment**

**PUBLIC 333**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MALABY MCCORMICK	OTP-AM	H-299 H-578 PRESCOTT

This bill allows a person who obtains control of a public dancing establishment to apply for a temporary dancing license while the application for a regular dancing license is pending with the Commissioner of Public Safety, but no more than 60 days. The fee for a temporary dancing license is \$100 and the revenue from the fee would be used in the same manner as the fee for the regular dancing license fee of \$117: licensing and enforcement of public dances.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-299)**

This amendment clarifies that a temporary license for a public dancing establishment would be issued only following the transfer of ownership of a building used for public dances that has an existing license.

**House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-578)**

This amendment reduces the fee for a temporary license to operate a public dancing establishment from \$100 to \$25.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 333 allows a person who obtains control of a public dancing establishment to apply for a temporary dancing license while the application for a regular dancing license is pending with the Commissioner of Public Safety, but no more than 60 days. It provides that the temporary license for a public dancing establishment would be issued only following the transfer of ownership of a building used for public dances that has an existing license. The law provides that the fee for a temporary dancing license is \$25 and the revenue from the fee would be used in the same manner as the fee for the regular dancing license fee.