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STATE OF MAINE  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 Judiciary*

**LD 917**      **An Act To Protect Licensing Information Provided to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and To Require a Review of Public Access to Other Personal Information**      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill provides that names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and other identifying information provided to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for purposes of obtaining a license are not public records and directs the Right To Know Advisory Committee to review instances when public agencies maintain name of, contact information for and other personal information regarding individuals and make recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary regarding statutory changes necessary to protect individual personal information from disclosure if that disclosure would serve no reasonable public purpose.

**LD 924**      **An Act To Educate Women on the Medical Risks Associated with Abortion**      **MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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The bill requires that in order to ensure that informed consent is obtained from a woman seeking an abortion, specific information must be provided both orally and in writing to a woman seeking an abortion at least 24 hours before the abortion is performed. The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop a brochure that contains required information and provide copies to physicians and make the brochure available online.

See also LD 116 and LD 1457.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-467)**

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

This amendment adds a medical emergency exception to the requirement that a pregnant woman be provided with specific information at least 24 hours before an abortion procedure may proceed.

This amendment was not adopted.

**House Amendment "A" (H-470)**

The bill requires that a woman's attending physician provide information to the woman seeking an abortion. This amendment specifies that the information may be provided by a physician or a physician's designee.

This amendment was not adopted.