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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

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
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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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety*

**LD 926**      **An Act To Increase the Credit Toward Payment of Fines Given for Jail Time**

**PUBLIC 334**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HASKELL KATZ	OTP-AM	H-414

Current law allows a court to order a person who fails to pay a criminal fine to be committed to a county jail and receive credit toward payment of the fine at the rate of \$5 for each day of confinement. This bill increases the rate of credit to \$25 per day of confinement.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-414)**

This amendment increases the rate of credit to up to \$100 per day of confinement. The bill increases the rate of credit from the current \$5 to \$25.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 334 allows a court to order a person who fails to pay a criminal fine to be committed to a county jail and receive credit toward payment of the fine at the rate of up to \$100 per day of confinement. Public Law 2011, chapter 334 increased the rate of credit from the prior \$5 per day.

**LD 932**      **An Act To Allow Concealed Weapons in the State House**

**INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAFTS MASON	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	

This bill provides that a person to whom a valid permit to carry a concealed firearm has been issued may carry a concealed firearm in the State House.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-420)**

This amendment replaces the bill and is the majority report of the committee. The amendment provides that a person to whom a valid permit to carry a concealed firearm has been issued may carry a concealed firearm in the State House, the Burton M. Cross Building and the parking areas adjacent to the 2 buildings and on the walkways between the buildings and between the parking areas and the buildings. Upon entering the State House or the Burton M. Cross Building, a person who is carrying a concealed firearm is required to immediately report to the Capitol Police and sign the person's name in a logbook maintained by the Capitol Police. This is the same procedure that the Capitol Police currently follow for law enforcement officers who carry their firearms in the State House.

This amendment was not adopted.