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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 Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

law enforcement officers about any night hunting operations.

LD 993

An Act To Provide Limited Reciprocity for Nonresidents Operating Snowmobiles in This State

PUBLIC 437

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIMBERLAKE	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-364 H-426 DAVIS

This bill allows a nonresident who is a resident of the State of New Hampshire and who has registered a snowmobile in New Hampshire to operate that snowmobile in this State. This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-364)

This amendment replaces the bill. It provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may establish a 3-day period, including 2 weekend days, in which a nonresident may snowmobile in this State without being registered in this State if the nonresident's state of residency allows a snowmobile registered in Maine to operate in that state for an equivalent or greater period of time without being registered.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-426)

This amendment adds a provision that repeals the reciprocity provisions in the bill on October 1, 2013.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 437 provides that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife may establish a 3-day period, including 2 weekend days, in which a nonresident may snowmobile in this State without being registered in this State if the nonresident's state of residency allows a snowmobile registered in Maine to operate in that state for an equivalent or greater period of time without being registered. The reciprocity provision of this law is repealed on October 1, 2013.

LD 996

An Act To Amend the Law Relating to Training Dogs during Bear Hunting Season

**ACCEPTED
ONTP REPORT**

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

This bill removes the provision of law that prohibits the training of dogs on bear in those portions of Washington County and Hancock County that are situated south of Route 9.