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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 957      Resolve, Directing the Plumbers' Examining Board To Amend Its Rules      LEAVE TO  
Governing Installation Standards      WITHDRAW**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FLOOD	LV/WD	

This resolve directs the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Plumbers' Examining Board to amend its rules governing plumbing installation standards to provide that drainage and vent pipes, including plastic pipes, may be tested with air.

**LD 972      An Act To Provide Administrative Support to the Citizen Trade Policy      HELD BY  
Commission      GOVERNOR**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROTUNDO JACKSON	OTP-AM	H-249 S-353 ROSEN R

This bill provides General Fund appropriations to the Legislature of \$12,000 annually for administrative support for the Citizen Trade Policy Commission.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-249)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-353)**

This amendment removes the appropriation in fiscal year 2011-12.

**Enacted Law Summary**

This bill was enacted but as of this printing, had not been acted upon by the Governor and, pursuant to Art. IV, Part 3rd, Sec. 2 of the Maine Constitution, currently has no final disposition. The enacted bill provides \$12,000 in funding for administrative support for the Citizen Trade Policy Commission for fiscal year 2012-13.

**LD 994      An Act To Promote Responsible Business Practices through a Livable      ONTP  
Wage**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN PATRICK	ONTP	

***Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development***

This bill requires businesses, in order to receive tax credits, tax reimbursement or tax forgiveness from the State, to pay their employees a livable wage.

**LD 995      An Act To Require Dental Professionals To Provide Education to the Public on Oral Hygiene      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CLARK H	ONTP	

This bill requires dentists, certain dental assistants, dental hygienists and denturists to provide each year, as a condition of relicensing or recertification, at least 6 hours of free public education on good oral hygiene. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Board of Dental Examiners is required to adopt rules governing this requirement.

**LD 998      Resolve, Directing the Finance Authority of Maine To Develop a Business Development Loan Program for Legal Immigrants      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Finance Authority of Maine to create a business development loan program for legal immigrants. The Finance Authority of Maine will report the specifics of the program to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development by December 1, 2011. The Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature to implement the program.

**LD 1004      An Act To Clarify Training Requirements for Funeral Service Providers      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS	ONTP	

This bill allows a person licensed for the practice of funeral service by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation who is required to meet annual training requirements to fulfill those requirements by completing training no more than 30 days prior to the beginning of the licensing year for which that training is required. The person must continue to complete annual training.