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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 Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

notification system for outdoor applications. It requires all registrants to update or confirm their contact information annually. The bill amends notification requirements that currently apply to applications made using aircraft or air-carrier equipment to provide that the requirements apply to outdoor applications generally. It requires that the board determine the distances between properties and applications within which a land manager is required to notify a person whose property is on the registry of an application based on the type of equipment used to make the application.

See LD 228 for a summary of related legislation that was enacted.

LD 1075 An Act To Prohibit Horse Slaughter for Human Consumption ONTP

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

LD 1075 prohibits the slaughter of horses for human consumption. It bans the possession, sale, purchase, transportation and import into or export out of this State of a horse if the person knows or should know that the horse is meant to be slaughtered for human consumption. It bans the possession, sale, purchase, transportation, import or export of horseflesh if the person knows or should know that the horseflesh is for human consumption.

LD 1109 Resolve, To Target Job Creation in the Agricultural Sector To Improve Carried Over
the Stability and Economic Strength of Rural Maine

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

LD 1109 requires the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Department of Labor to invite the participation of a task force to develop strategies to identify barriers to and create job growth in the agricultural sector.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.

LD 1120 An Act To Move the Land for Maine's Future Program to the Carried Over
Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

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

LD 1120 transfers responsibility for and resources in support of the Land for Maine's Future Board and Land for Maine's Future Program from the Executive Department, State Planning Office to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

This bill was carried over to any special and/or regular session of the 125th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1190.