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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 1171    An Act To Amend the Pine Tree Development Zone Laws To Provide a Better Measurement of Per Capita Income                                  ONTP**

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

This bill permits the income calculations that define qualified employees under the Pine Tree Development Zone program to be based on the income average of neighboring counties for a business located near the county borders.

**LD 1194    An Act Regarding Contracts Awarded by the Maine State Housing Authority for the Installation or Servicing of Energy-efficient Appliances in Low-income Households                                  MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill requires the Maine State Housing Authority, when awarding contracts to install or service energy-efficient replacement refrigerators or freezers in low-income households, to award those contracts on a regional basis to different suppliers and only to suppliers that do business primarily within the State and provide delivery and post-installation servicing services by the same supplier.

**LD 1207    An Act To Amend the Labor Laws Relating to Certain Agricultural Employees                                  Carried Over**

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

This bill removes the provision that requires that individuals employed for or at an egg processing facility that has over 300,000 laying birds be subjected to state minimum wage and overtime laws. It also repeals the laws that govern labor relations between agricultural workers and an agricultural employer that operates an egg processing facility that has over 500,000 laying birds and that employs more than 100 agricultural employees.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-268)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It eliminates those sections of the bill that remove the requirement that individuals employed at an egg processing facility with more than 300,000 laying birds be subject to state minimum wage and overtime laws.

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