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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 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 Health and Human Services***

**LD 1224     An Act To Fund the Screening and Early Detection Elements of the  
Statewide Cancer Plan**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STRANG BURGESS RAYE	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-322

This bill provides funding for the comprehensive cancer screening and detection elements of the statewide cancer prevention and control program by providing an ongoing appropriation from the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-322)**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It removes as the funding source the Fund for a Healthy Maine and specifies in law that the funding level is \$2,000,000 per year. The amendment adds an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2011-12 and \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2012-13 from the General Fund.

This bill died on the appropriations table on adjournment.

**LD 1230     An Act To Prohibit Smoking in Private Clubs Except in Separate  
Enclosed Areas**

**MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLODGETT CRAVEN	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

Current law allows smoking in private clubs, such as those operated by fraternal orders or veterans' organizations, under certain conditions, such as when approved by a vote of the members of the club. This bill prohibits smoking in private clubs except in designated outdoor smoking areas and enclosed indoor areas designed to prevent the escape of smoke into the rest of the club.

**LD 1252     Resolve, To Develop a Plan To Improve Public Guardianship Services to  
Adults with Cognitive Disabilities**

**RESOLVE 80**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAVEN	OTP-AM	S-222

This resolve requires the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council to convene a stakeholder group to establish a working plan to provide public guardianship for adults with cognitive disabilities. The council is required to identify the necessary statutory changes and steps to implement a permanent guardianship program operated by an independent entity and make recommendations by January 15, 2012 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, which is authorized to submit a bill implementing the program.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-222)**