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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

LD 1258 is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It proposes changes to the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, "LURC." It provides for the appointment of an interim director of LURC to oversee reform of LURC for a term of one or 2 years.

The purpose, scope and duties of LURC would be amended to mirror land use governance in the organized areas of the State and to clearly state that the mission of LURC is to serve residents and property owners within the jurisdiction of LURC, promote local economies and service center communities near the jurisdiction and protect natural resources in the jurisdiction.

Forestry regulation would be assumed by the Maine Forest Service in the Department of Conservation. The Department of Environmental Protection would assume jurisdiction for all large commercial development projects.

Three regional planning and permitting commissions would be established based upon logical geographic and economic boundaries, preferably aligned with economic development districts. Each regional commission would be responsible for a regional comprehensive land use plan, zoning, permitting and compliance matters within its region. Residential subdivisions and small commercial development projects would be reviewed by the regional commissions.

The regional comprehensive land use plans, rules and zoning would require the approval of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over land use matters or a joint select committee of the Legislature established to oversee regulation of unorganized and deorganized areas, plantations and towns in LURC's jurisdiction and adjacent service center communities.

See LD 1534 for a summary of related legislation that was enacted.

LD 1309

Resolve, To Encourage Reciprocity between Maine and New Hampshire in the Reporting of Rabies Vaccinations by Veterinarians

RESOLVE 64

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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| HILL | OTP-AM | S-141 |

LD 1309 directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to enter into a reciprocity agreement with the Commissioner of Agriculture, Markets and Food of New Hampshire to require a veterinarian from one state to send a rabies vaccination certificate to the department of agriculture in the other state if the veterinarian vaccinates against rabies a dog that is owned by a person living in the other state.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-141)

This amendment changes the requirements of the reciprocity agreement as stipulated in the resolve to give more flexibility in developing a reciprocity agreement that provides Maine and New Hampshire with information on dogs residing in their respective states that have been vaccinated by veterinarians in the other state.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 64 directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to pursue a reciprocity agreement with the New Hampshire Commissioner of Agriculture, Markets and Food that provides each state with information on dogs residing in their respective states that have been vaccinated by veterinarians in the other state.