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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 1346 An Act To Enhance Access to the Workplace for Minors**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BURNS DC MASON	ONTP	

This bill amends the laws governing employment practices in the following ways:

1. It establishes a training wage for trainees or secondary students under 20 years of age at \$5.25 per hour for their first 180 days of employment;
2. It eliminates the maximum number of hours a minor 16 years of age or older can work during school days;
3. It allows a minor under 16 years of age to work up to four hours on a school day during hours when school is not in session;
4. It allows a home-schooled student to work during regular public school hours, but not during regularly scheduled home school hours;
5. It exempts a minor under 16 years of age who is enrolled in school from the maximum hour requirements to work in an agricultural setting as long as the minor has written permission from the minor's parent or guardian; and
6. It allows a parent or guardian of a minor who is home schooled to sign a work permit instead of the superintendent of the school administrative unit where the home-schooled minor lives.

**LD 1368 An Act To Adjust Payroll Processor License Fees**

PUBLIC 308

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CURTIS WHITTEMORE	OTP-AM	H-394

This bill amends the payroll processor licensing fees by setting a fee of \$100 for a payroll processor who does not handle money for payroll processor clients.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-394)**

This amendment limits the new licensing fee category to those payroll processors whose functions consist solely of filing withholding reports on behalf of clients, but retains the bill's reduced \$100 fee for those processors. It also makes several technical changes to improve supervision and employer protections.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 308 establishes a new licensing fee category for those payroll processors whose functions consist solely of filing withholding reports on behalf of clients. It also makes several technical changes to improve supervision and employer protections.