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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 Second 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.

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i>	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i>	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i> ...	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted private & special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of finally passed resolve</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is Thursday, August 30, 2012. 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 1658 An Act To Protect Gasoline Marketers from Liability for Selling Federally Approved Gasoline

PUBLIC 632

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HASTINGS	OTP-AM	S-413 S-474 HASTINGS

This bill provides that a distributor or retail dealer of motor fuel is not liable for damages caused by the use of motor fuel containing more than 10% ethanol sold, consigned or distributed by that distributor or retail dealer if the sale, consignment or distribution of that motor fuel is required by federal law.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-413)

This amendment adds blenders of motor fuels containing more than 10% ethanol in the protection from liability from damages caused by the use of such motor fuel. It provides that the protection from liability is granted only to those distributors, blenders or retail dealers that have sold the motor fuel in accordance with federal law and the fuel sold is a transportation fuel or fuel additive that has received a waiver for introduction into interstate commerce by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to 42 United States Code, Section 7545(f)(4) (2011).

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-474)

This amendment changes the definition of "blender" to remove language that excludes a person who is a refiner.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 632 provides that a distributor or retail dealer of motor fuel is not liable for damages caused by the use of motor fuel containing more than 10% ethanol sold, consigned or distributed by that distributor or retail dealer if the sale, consignment or distribution of that motor fuel is required by federal law. In addition, it provides protection from liability from damages caused by the use of such motor fuel for blenders of motor fuels containing more than 10% ethanol. The law states that the protection from liability is granted only to those distributors, blenders or retail dealers that have sold the motor fuel in accordance with federal law and the fuel sold is a transportation fuel or fuel additive that has received a waiver for introduction into interstate commerce by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to 42 United States Code, Section 7545(f)(4) (2011).

LD 1665 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Economic and Community Development To Convene a Task Force To Bolster and Expand Exports of Maine Products and Services

ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Department of Economic and Community Development to convene a task force to study ways to bolster and expand exports of Maine products and services and to submit a report to the 126th Legislature.