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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 1695 An Act To Provide Additional In-store Space for Maine's Businesses by Removing License and Permit Posting Requirements

PUBLIC 535

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PRESCOTT RECTOR	OTP-AM	H-726

This bill eliminates the administrative burden of publicly displaying certain permits and licenses and the use of space for the display of those licenses and permits that could be otherwise used, including: sales tax registration certificates; retail tobacco licenses, including those required to be displayed on tobacco vending machines; retail food establishment licenses; licenses for the sale of liquor; and any license or permit issued by a municipality. Instead of displaying the license or permit, a licensee or permittee must make the license or permit available on demand at the premises or at the licensee's or permittee's primary place of business.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-726)

This amendment removes provisions in the bill that allow licenses and permits to be made available at the licensee's or permittee's primary place of business, but retains the requirement that the license or permit be made available on the premises for inspection.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 535 eliminates the administrative requirement to publicly display certain permits and licenses when the space for the display of those licenses and permits could be otherwise used, including: sales tax registration certificates; retail tobacco licenses, including those required to be displayed on tobacco vending machines; retail food establishment licenses; licenses for the sale of liquor; and any license or permit issued by a municipality. Instead of displaying the license or permit, a licensee or permittee must make the license or permit available on demand at the premises for inspection.

LD 1697 An Act Relating to the Calculation of Population for Purposes of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code and Public Safety Answering Point Assessments

**PUBLIC 505
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARDSON W	OTP	

This bill provides that the residents of a correctional facility in a municipality are not included when calculating population for purposes of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code or in the assessment of public safety answering point fees.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 505 provides that the residents of a correctional facility in a municipality are not included when calculating population for purposes of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code or in the assessment of public safety answering point fees.

Public Law 2011, chapter 505 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 16, 2012.