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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 1787

An Act To Create Efficiencies in the Administration and Enforcement of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

PUBLIC 633

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PRESCOTT	OTP-AM	H-892

The purpose of this bill is to create efficiencies in the administration and enforcement of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, primarily by abolishing the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Building Codes and Standards and moving its authority and responsibilities to a new division created in the Office of the State Fire Marshal. This bill also corrects cross-references and inconsistencies in the threshold for municipal populations to which the provisions of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code apply.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-892)

This amendment removes provisions in the bill that are also included in the Governor's 2nd supplemental budget that transfer the duties and responsibilities of the State Planning Office to the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Community Development. It also removes provisions in the bill that proposed to address an inconsistency in the threshold for municipal populations to which the provisions of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code apply, as the resolution of this inconsistency is addressed in Legislative Document 1619, "An Act To Resolve Conflicts in the Implementation of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code." The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 633 abolishes the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Building Codes and Standards and moves its authority and responsibilities to a new division created in the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

LD 1800

An Act To Conform Maine Apprenticeship Program Standards with Federal Apprenticeship Regulations

PUBLIC 491

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

Recent changes to federal regulations provide that only a state agency that can be held accountable may be responsible for oversight and administration of state apprenticeship programs. In order to comply with these changes, this bill eliminates the Maine Job Council's Standing Committee on Apprenticeship and creates the Maine Apprenticeship Program within the Department of Labor. The bill also creates the Maine Apprenticeship Council to assist and advise the department in administering the program.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 491 eliminates the Maine Job Council's Standing Committee on Apprenticeship and creates the Maine Apprenticeship Program within the Department of Labor. The law also creates the Maine Apprenticeship Council to assist and advise the department in administering the program.