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Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature coming from the

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS



This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123rd Maine Legislature, which was in session from December 6, 2006 to June 21, 2007.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee, and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill 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 bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CON RES XXX.....	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....	Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....	House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE.....	One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY.....	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE.....	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE.....	Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT.....	Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY.....	Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP-ND.....	Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED.....	Joint Order passed in both bodies
PUBLIC XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX.....	Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED.....	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session is **September 20, 2007**. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

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LD 212 An Act Regarding Penalties for Logbook Violations

ONTP

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

This bill limits the fine to \$100 for a violation of the federal regulation requiring drivers of commercial motor vehicles to keep a record of duty status for each 24-hour period of driving.

LD 213 An Act To Establish an Airport Managers Training Program

PUBLIC 76

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT BOWMAN	OTP-AM	H-53

The bill requires the Department of Transportation, in consultation with a Maine airport managers association, to establish and provide a training program for airport managers. The bill also requires that airport managers complete the training program within 60 days of designation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-53)

The amendment provides that after December 31, 2008, the Department of Transportation may not issue an annual airport registration certificate under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 6, section 51 to any airport whose airport manager has not completed required training. The amendment also provides that the Commissioner of Transportation may accept training completed by airport managers through a national association of airport executives as fulfilling the requirements for training.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, Chapter 76 provides that after December 31, 2008, the Department of Transportation may not issue an annual airport registration certificate under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 6, section 51 to any airport whose airport manager has not completed required training. It also provides that the Commissioner of Transportation may accept training completed by airport managers through a national association of airport executives as fulfilling the requirements for training.

LD 228 An Act To Establish a Special Veterans License Plate for Motorcycles

PUBLIC 376

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BURNS SULLIVAN	OTP-AM	H-189

This bill authorizes the Secretary of State to issue special veterans motorcycle registration plates for veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-189)

This amendment clarifies that an applicant for a special veterans registration plate for a motorcycle must show evidence of payment of the registration fee. It also provides for a one-time \$5 fee for the issuance of special veterans registration plates for a motorcycle; allows for the issuance of special veterans registration plates for a motorcycle that are also vanity plates; and provides that commemorative decals are not authorized on special

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veterans registration plates for a motorcycle.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 376 authorizes the Secretary of State to issue special veterans motorcycle registration plates for veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

LD 232 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Transportation to Establish the Elton R. Brooks Memorial Rest Area and Boat Launching Facility **RESOLVE 1**

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

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to designate with appropriate signs and notices the rest area and boat launch site in the Town of Robbinston, on U.S. Route 1, as the Elton R. Brooks Memorial Rest Area and Boat Launching Facility, as requested by the municipal officers of the Town of Robbinston.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 1 directs the Department of Transportation to designate with appropriate signs and notices the rest area and boat launch site in the Town of Robbinston, on U.S. Route 1, as the Elton R. Brooks Memorial Rest Area and Boat Launching Facility, as requested by the municipal officers of the Town of Robbinston.

LD 235 An Act To Allow a Person To Be Issued More than One Set of Disabled Veteran Registration Plates **ONTP**

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

This bill allows a veteran with disabilities to obtain more than one set of disabled veteran registration plates.

LD 241 An Act To Allow the Secretary of State To Issue a Work-restricted License to First-time License Holders Not Yet 21 Years of Age with Less than 2 Years of Driving Time **DIED BETWEEN HOUSES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SULLIVAN	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill allows the Secretary of State to stay a suspension of the license of a person with a juvenile provisional license for moving violations and to issue a work-restricted license.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-47)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, corrects a technical problem created by the bill. It provides that a juvenile who receives a work-restricted license after license suspension for a moving violation that does not relate to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants is not required to complete an alcohol and drug program during the period of the statutory suspension.