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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.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

the First and Second Regular Sessions of the 124th Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 86, directs the Department of Public Safety to analyze available data to determine the role various types of distractions play in motor vehicle accidents. It also directs the department to develop recommendations for strengthening laws relating to distracted driving. The department is directed to submit an interim report that includes recommended legislation to strengthen laws related to distracted driving to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by January 15, 2009. The department is directed to provide a final report on the data it has collected and its analysis of that data together with any further recommended legislation related to distracted driving to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by January 15, 2010. The Transportation Committee is authorized to submit legislation related to the department's report to the First and Second Regular Sessions of the 124th Legislature.

LD 592 **An Act To Waive Tolls on the Maine Turnpike for People Who Are
Traveling for Treatment of Catastrophic Illnesses**

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVAGE C	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

This bill allows a person to travel on the Maine Turnpike free of charge if that person is a Maine resident and is traveling on the turnpike for treatment of a catastrophic illness. It is modeled after Public Law 2005, chapter 472, which was enacted last session and allowed free ferry service for people traveling on ferries for treatment of catastrophic illnesses.

LD 599 **An Act To Create an Airport Authority**

CARRIED OVER

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

This bill, a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes creation of an airport authority to regulate aviation.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 123rd Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1369.

LD 625 **Resolve, To Establish a Commission To Study the Feasibility of the
State's Acquiring the Golden Road**

ONTP

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

This resolve establishes the Commission To Study the Feasibility of the State's Acquiring the Golden Road.