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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular or First Special Sessions 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 Second Regular or First Special Sessions of the 123rd Maine Legislature.

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:

<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; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed; bill died</i>
<i>ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill 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>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</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 (R2) is June 30, 2008. The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session (S1) is July 18, 2008.¹ The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills. Any bill summarized in this document having an LD number less than 1932 was a bill carried over from the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

¹ The session in which each law was enacted or finally passed (R2 or S1) is included in Appendix C.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 775 **An Act To Create a Special License Plate To Support Breast Cancer Support Services**

PUBLIC 547

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STRANG BURGESS DAMON	OTP-AM	H-766

This bill creates a special Breast Cancer Support Services license plate to support breast cancer support services in the State. The beneficiaries of the program are the Maine Breast Cancer Coalition's Support Service Fund, the Maine Cancer Foundation, and the Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program within the Department of Health and Human Services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-766)

This amendment, which replaces the bill, establishes a breast cancer support services special registration plate for motor vehicles that do not exceed 10,000 pounds. Nine dollars of each initial registration and renewal fee of breast cancer support services special registration plates must be deposited in a fund administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to support breast cancer services efforts.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 547 establishes a breast cancer support services special registration plate for motor vehicles that do not exceed 10,000 pounds. A portion of each initial registration and renewal fee of breast cancer support services special registration plates must be deposited into a fund administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to support breast cancer services efforts.

LD 1726 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Guarantee the Integrity of the Highway Fund

DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

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

This constitutional resolution amends the Constitution of Maine to prohibit expenditures or transfers from the Highway Fund for any purpose other than those purposes specifically related to highways.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-755)

This amendment clarifies the changes to Article IX, Section 19 of the Constitution of Maine proposed by the bill. Under this amendment the constitutional provision will require the creation of a Highway Fund, require that certain revenues be placed in that fund, allow other funds to be placed in the fund and require that all funds in that fund be used solely for certain transportation-related purposes. Transportation-related purposes include construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of public highways and bridges under the direction and supervision of the Department of Transportation; providing, operating, managing and maintaining the Maine State Ferry Service; and state enforcement of traffic laws.