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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND**  
**ENACTED LAWS**

The *Digest* is arranged 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.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

*CARRIED OVER*.....carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature  
*CON RES XXX* ..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses  
*CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died  
*DIED BETWEEN HOUSES* .....House & Senate disagreed; legislation died  
*DIED IN CONCURRENCE* ..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died  
*DIED ON ADJOURNMENT* ..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died  
*EMERGENCY* .....enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment  
*FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE*.....emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote  
*FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE*..... failed to receive final majority vote  
*FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT*.....legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote  
*HELD BY GOVERNOR*..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session  
*LEAVE TO WITHDRAW*.....sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted  
*NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY*.....ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died  
*INDEF PP*..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died  
*ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X*... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died  
*P&S XXX*..... chapter # of enacted private & special law  
*PUBLIC XXX* ..... chapter # of enacted public Law  
*RESOLVE XXX* ..... chapter # of finally passed resolve  
*VETO SUSTAINED*.....Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature is August 1, 2014. 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 Transportation*

political parties and at least one representative of a rail transit group to participate in council meetings. The amendment also clarifies the role of the council and changes the council's annual reporting requirement to a biennial requirement. Lastly, this amendment makes technical changes.

**LD 1575**      **Resolve, Regarding Memorial Plaques Honoring Vietnam Veterans near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge between Lewiston and Auburn**      **RESOLVE 80**

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

This resolve was acted upon without reference to committee. This bill was enacted by the Legislature during the First Regular Session of the 126th and was held by the Governor; final disposition occurred at the beginning of the Second Regular Session.

This resolve requires the Department of Transportation, within existing resources, to remove existing plaques honoring Vietnam veterans on the Lewiston and Auburn approaches to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge, donate those plaques to the respective cities where they are currently located and procure and install new plaques that are similar to the existing plaques and have room for additional names. The new plaques may be maintained and updated by the respective cities where the plaques are installed.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 80 requires the Department of Transportation, within existing resources, to remove existing plaques honoring Vietnam veterans on the Lewiston and Auburn approaches to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge, donate those plaques to the respective cities where they are currently located, procure and install new plaques that are similar in size and style to existing plaques and similar in location as the existing plaques, as long as the location does not present a safety concern for motorists and pedestrians and includes space for additional names. The new plaques may be maintained and updated by the respective cities where the plaques are installed.

**LD 1585**      **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 4: Maine Motor Carrier Safety Regulation, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police**      **RESOLVE 93 EMERGENCY**

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

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 4: Maine Motor Carrier Safety Regulation, a major substantive rule of the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police. This rule was amended to incorporate by reference federal regulations that include a prohibition on text messaging and using a cell phone - unless hands-free-while operating a commercial motor vehicle. In addition, the rule now subjects intrastate motor carriers operating less than 100 air miles from their regular place of business to federal regulations which prohibit the operation of a commercial motor vehicle by a person who has methadone or its metabolite in their system.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2013, chapter 93 finally adopts portions of Chapter 4: Maine Motor Carrier Safety Regulation, a major substantive rule of the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police. This amended rule incorporates by reference federal regulations in 49 Code of Federal Regulations pertaining to motor carrier safety including a prohibition on text messaging and using a cell phone, unless hands-free, while operating a commercial motor vehicle. In addition, the rule now subjects intrastate motor carriers operating less than 100 air miles from their regular place of business to federal regulations which prohibit the operation of a commercial motor vehicle by a