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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 Taxation

LD 2

An Act To Provide a Partial Tax Exemption for the Purchase of a Hybrid or Clean Fuel Vehicle

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COURTNEY	OTP-AM	S-195

This bill restores a temporary sales tax exemption that expired in 2006 for a portion of the sale or lease price of a vehicle that is a clean fuel vehicle.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-195)

This amendment specifies that the sales tax exemption proposed in the bill for a clean fuel vehicle is limited to the first \$5,000 of the sales or lease price.

This bill was placed on the Special Appropriations Table and died on adjournment. See also LD 302.

LD 26

An Act To Fund Transportation Projects

ONTP

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to authorize counties to adopt by referendum a local option sales tax on sales within the county that are subject to the state sales tax. The tax would be collected and administered by the State. Ten percent of revenue from any county local option sales tax would be deposited in the State Transit, Aviation and Rail Transportation Fund, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 4210-B, for use as authorized under that section to support transit, aeronautics and rail transportation. Ninety percent of revenue from the county local option sales tax would be returned to the county where collected for use on transportation-related projects within those counties.

LD 31

**An Act To Fund Alcohol and Tobacco Addiction Treatment Programs
BY REQUEST**

ONTP

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to increase the tax on cigarettes and alcohol and use the revenue from the tax increase to fund programs aimed at prevention and treatment of addictions to tobacco and alcohol.