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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

LD 84

An Act To Standardize Documentation Requirements for a Driver's License or Nondriver Identification Card

ONTP

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

This bill requires an applicant for a driver's license or nondriver identification card to provide the Secretary of State written proof, evidence or documentation that the applicant's presence in the United States is authorized under federal law if the applicant is ineligible to receive a social security number.

LD 85

Resolve, To Designate a Portion of U.S. Route 1 in Indian Township Passamaquoddy Indian Reservation as the Captain Tomah Lewey Memorial Highway

RESOLVE 2

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

This resolve names the portion of U.S. Route 1 that goes through Indian Township Passamaquoddy Indian Reservation from Princeton to Topsfield as the Captain Tomah Lewey Memorial Highway in honor of one of the first permanent residents of Indian Township.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 2 names the portion of U.S. Route 1 that goes through Indian Township Passamaquoddy Indian Reservation from Princeton to Topsfield as the Captain Tomah Lewey Memorial Highway in honor of one of the first permanent residents of Indian Township.

LD 89

An Act To Repeal the Automatic Increase in the Gasoline Tax

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

This bill repeals the annual inflation indexing of the excise tax on motor fuel. The bill also amends the relevant statutes to reflect the current rate of tax as changed by inflation indexing.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-293)

This amendment, the minority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 95

An Act To Require Notification when a Vehicle Is Towed

ONTP

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