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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 209 An Act To Require That a Person Be a Maine Resident in Order To Be Issued a Maine Driver's License ONTP

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

This bill requires a person to be a Maine resident in order to receive a Maine driver's license.

LD 210 An Act Relating to the Use of Dealer Plates ONTP

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

This bill, a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes to amend the current law to require the Secretary of State to review the laws relating to the issuance of dealer plates for new and used car dealers and to propose revisions to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over motor vehicle matters.

LD 211 An Act To Allow a Truck Driver To Haul a Trailer on a Highway If That Driver Has a Point-to-point Permit PUBLIC 38

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON MARTIN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-26

This bill allows the Secretary of State to issue a temporary point-to-point permit for an off-highway vehicle to haul a trailer on a highway from point to point as set forth in the permit.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-26)

The amendment replaces the bill and is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The amendment adds trailers and semitrailers to the list of vehicles, otherwise used exclusively for off-highway purposes, that may be issued a special registration permit authorizing limited operation on a public way. The amendment also provides that the trailer or semitrailer must be empty when traveling on a public way and must be moved during daytime hours under the special registration permit for off-highway vehicles.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, Chapter 38 adds trailers and semitrailers to the list of vehicles, otherwise used exclusively for off-highway purposes, that may be issued a special registration permit authorizing limited operation on a public way. The amendment also provides that the trailer or semitrailer must be empty when traveling on a public way and must be moved during daytime hours under the special registration permit for off-highway vehicles.