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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 319 An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for
the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December
31, 2008**

P & S 7

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	S-23

This bill makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2008 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-23)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note and corrects the title of the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2007, chapter 7 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2008 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

LD 320 An Act To Allow the Widening of a Portion of the Maine Turnpike

PUBLIC 270

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAMON	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-150

This bill authorizes the widening of the Maine Turnpike to 3 lanes for each direction of travel from mile marker 44 to mile marker 53 if, after completing an evaluation of reasonable alternatives, as required by the Sensible Transportation Policy Act, the Maine Turnpike Authority determines that there is not a reasonable alternative to the widening that will no meet the identified need. This bill also increases the Maine Turnpike Authority's bonding limit to allow for construction of this project.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-150)

This amendment incorporates the recent \$100,000,000 increase in the bonding authority of the Maine Turnpike Authority (see LD 321) so that the \$25,000,000 additional increase in the bill results in a total bonding authority of \$486,000,000.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 270 authorizes the widening of the Maine Turnpike to 3 lanes for each direction of travel from mile marker 44 to mile marker 53 if, after completing an evaluation of reasonable alternatives, as required by the Sensible Transportation Policy Act, the Maine Turnpike Authority determines that there is not a reasonable alternative to the widening that will no meet the identified need. It also increases the Maine Turnpike Authority's bonding limit to allow for construction of this project.