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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 401 An Act To Protect the Integrity of Funeral Processions ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> NASS J	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill makes it a traffic infraction to interrupt or cut into a funeral procession.

LD 407 An Act To Allow the Use of Flashing Red Lights by State Emergency Management Agency Directors ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RINES	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill allows the use of flashing red vehicle lights by emergency management agency directors when a state emergency is declared.

LD 438 Resolve, To Improve Driver Education Programs ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARTIN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This resolve directs the Secretary of State to undertake a comprehensive review of the Department of the Secretary of State's current driver education programs.

LD 442 An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to Advertisements on Motor Vehicles Used in Driver Education ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WESTON	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill amends the motor vehicle laws concerning illuminated identification signs and advertisements on motor vehicles to allow driver education vehicles to be equipped with signs capable of illumination, which may be illuminated only during actual driving instruction.

LD 447 Resolve, To Improve the Registration Process for Commercial Motor Vehicles ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BARTLETT	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This resolve directs the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles to implement the municipal registration of commercial motor vehicles with a gross weight of less than 6,000 pounds.