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**STATE OF MAINE**  
123<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills and adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> 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 123<sup>rd</sup> 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 474**

**Resolve, To Direct the Department of Transportation To Rename State Bridge Number 5278 the Ryan Quirion Guthrie**

**RESOLVE 6**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARRACHE	OTP-AM	S-15

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to designate with appropriate signs and notices state bridge number 5278 on Interstate 95, commonly known as the Staples Point Bridge, as the Ryan Quirion Guthrie Bridge in memory of the boy who died in an accident at that site.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-15)**

This amendment makes 2 corrections to the bill by clarifying that the bridge is on Interstate 295 and the name of the river the bridge spans is the Presumpscot River.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolves 2007, Chapter 6 directs the Department of Transportation to designate with appropriate signs and notices state bridge number 5278 on Interstate 295, commonly known as the Staples Point Bridge, as the Ryan Quirion Guthrie Bridge in memory of the boy who died in an accident at that site.

**LD 478**

**An Act Regarding the Certification of the Required Driving Time for a License for Certain Persons under 21 Years of Age**

**PUBLIC 2  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HANLEY S		H-4      MARLEY

This bill, which was acted upon without being referenced to committee, authorizes the Secretary of State to accept the form certifying driving time from the licensed driver who accompanied the applicant for a driver's license for the majority of the required 35 hours of driving if the applicant is at least 18 years of age and has no individual otherwise authorized to certify driving time.

**House Amendment "A" (H-4)**

Current law requires a person under 21 years of age applying for a driver's license to complete 35 hours of driving accompanied by a parent, guardian or licensed driver. The applicant's parent, stepparent, guardian, spouse or employer must certify the applicant's driving time, but is not required to be the person who accompanied the applicant.

This amendment requires the person certifying the driving log of the applicant to provide the name and address of the person who accompanied the applicant for a majority of the required 35 hours. This amendment also allows the Secretary of State to complete the certification of a person between 18 and 21 years of age who does not have a parent, stepparent, guardian, spouse or employer if the applicant provides the name and address of the person accompanying the applicant for the majority of the required 35 hours.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2007, chapter 2 amends the law governing the certification of pre-license driving time for persons under 21 applying for driver's licenses. Current law requires a person under 21 years of age applying for a driver's license to complete 35 hours of driving accompanied by a parent, guardian or licensed driver. The applicant's parent, stepparent, guardian, spouse or employer must certify the applicant's driving time, but is not required to be the person who accompanied the applicant. This law requires the person certifying the driving