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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 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

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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 law 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.

Public Law 2007, chapter 2 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 13, 2007.

LD 494 An Act To Repeal the Motor Vehicle Inspection Laws

ONTP

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

This bill repeals statutory provisions that require motor vehicles registered in the State to have an annual motor vehicle inspection.

LD 495 Resolve, To Develop an Appropriate Commemorative License Plate Decal for Combat Service

RESOLVE 23

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FLETCHER	OTP-AM	H-107

This bill adds the Combat Infantryman Badge, established by the War Department in 1943 to recognize the skill and heroism of the American infantry, to the list of special commemorative decals for sets of special veterans registration plates.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-107)

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Director of the Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to convene a working group composed of combat veterans to develop an appropriate manner of commemorating combat service in the form of one or more commemorative license plate decals. The working group is directed to examine the appropriateness of developing a single decal versus the use of decals representing the following combat badges: Army Combat Infantry Badge, Army Combat Medic Badge, Army Combat Action Badge, Combat Action Ribbon and Combat Action Medal. If the working group determines that a single decal is appropriate, it must design the decal in consultation with the Secretary of State. The director and the Secretary of State are directed to report the findings and recommendations of the working group to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than November 30, 2007. The Secretary of State must include with the report draft legislation to make appropriate changes to law to implement the recommendations of the working group. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may submit a bill related to the subject matter of the working group's report to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolves 2007, chapter 23 directs the Director of the Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to convene a working group to develop an appropriate manner of commemorating combat service in the form of one or more commemorative license plate decals. The director and the Secretary of State are required to report the findings