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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:

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| 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 626 An Act To Require Warning Lights at All Railroad Crossings BY
REQUEST**

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MCKANE | ONTP | |

This bill requires warning lights to be placed by the railroads at every railroad crossing where the railroad crosses a public way.

LD 642 An Act to Clarify Certain Laws Concerning Posted Speed Limit

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FITTS | ONTP | |

This bill, a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes to require that speed limits be clearly posted within 100 feet of a change in speed limit. The bill also proposes to create a definition for "imprudent speed."

LD 643 An Act To Clarify Certain Equipment Provisions for Motor Vehicles

PUBLIC 121

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CHASE | OTP-AM | H-128 |

The bill amends the law relating to use of aftermarket equipment on motor vehicles by removing the specific list of aftermarket equipment prohibited by law; removing the prohibition on the sale of or equipping a motor vehicle with aftermarket equipment; limiting the prohibition to use on a public way; and removing reference to violations of State Police rules regarding aftermarket equipment.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-128)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment, like the bill, removes the specific list of aftermarket equipment prohibited by law. However, the amendment, unlike the bill, provides that a person may not use a vehicle on a public way or sell or equip a vehicle for use on a public way with aftermarket equipment contrary to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A or contrary to the rules of the Chief of the State Police.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 121, removes the specific list of aftermarket equipment prohibited by law. It also provides that a person may not use a vehicle on a public way or sell or equip a vehicle for use on a public way with aftermarket equipment contrary to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A or contrary to the rules of the Chief of the State Police.