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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

railing enclosing the perimeter of the platform, 3 feet or more in height and enclosed in a manner that would reasonably prevent passage of a child. The amendment defines "outrigger float" as a float constructed in a manner that results in any wheels of the truck or trailer on which the platform is mounted extending beyond the edge of the platform. Violation of this provision is a traffic infraction.

LD 1329 An Act To Allow Municipalities To Set Speed Limits on Certain Roads

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BROWNE | ONTP MAJ OTP MIN | |

This bill makes it easier for a municipality to set a speed limit on a local road and allows a small municipality to set such a limit.

LD 1330 An Act To Promote School Zone Safety

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| MARLEY | ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN | |

The bill adds hand signals and hand-held traffic control signs used by school crossing guards to the motor vehicle laws governing traffic control devices. The bill also doubles the fines of various traffic violations if the violations are committed in a school zone, with half of the fine going into the School Zone Safety Fund, established to promote school zone safety and fund school zone safety projects. This bill defines "school crossing guard" and gives crossing guards the authority to report violations that occur in a school zone to law enforcement officers. The registered owner of the vehicle may be found liable for a vehicle violation that takes place in a school zone.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-245)

This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 1337 Resolve, To Assist in Appropriate Notification in an Emergency

ONTP

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

This bill directs the Secretary of State to create a program in which a person applying for or receiving their driver's license can provide emergency contact information in case of an accident or emergency.

LD 1343 An Act To Encourage Vanpooling and Carpooling

ONTP

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