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**STATE OF MAINE**  
123<sup>RD</sup> LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular or First Special Sessions 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 Second Regular or First Special Sessions of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Maine Legislature.

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:

<i>CON RES XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i> .....	<i>House &amp; Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i> .....	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i> .....	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed; bill died</i>
<i>ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)</i> .....	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i> .....	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (R2) is June 30, 2008. The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session (S1) is July 18, 2008.<sup>1</sup> The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills. Any bill summarized in this document having an LD number less than 1932 was a bill carried over from the First Regular Session of the 123<sup>rd</sup> Legislature.

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<sup>1</sup> The session in which each law was enacted or finally passed (R2 or S1) is included in Appendix C.

# Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

## Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2007, chapter 37 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2009 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

**LD 2155**    **Resolve, To Assist Maine's Forest Products Industry**

**RESOLVE 144**  
**EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

MARLEY

Committee Report

OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

H-660

This bill waives gross vehicle weight violations between 100,000 and 105,000 pounds for 6-axle combination vehicles registered for 100,000 pounds carrying forest products until April 1, 2008.

### Committee Amendment "A" (H-660)

This amendment changes the act to a resolve and changes the title to reflect the change. The amendment provides that, on and after the effective date of this resolve but before April 1, 2008, a 6-axle combination vehicle that is registered for 100,000 pounds is not in violation of that weight limit if the vehicle is carrying forest products and its gross vehicle weight is less than 105,000 pounds.

## Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 144 provides that, on and after the effective date of this resolve but before April 1, 2008, a 6-axle combination vehicle that is registered for 100,000 pounds is not in violation of that weight limit if the vehicle is carrying forest products and its gross vehicle weight is less than 105,000 pounds.

Resolve 2007, chapter 144 was enacted as an emergency measure effective January 22, 2008.

**LD 2165**    **Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 103: Sensible Transportation Policy Act, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Transportation**

**RESOLVE 159**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP-AM

H-712

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 103: Sensible Transportation Policy Act, a major substantive rule of the Department of Transportation.

### Committee Amendment "A" (H-712)

This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

## Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2007, chapter 159 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 103: Sensible Transportation Policy Act, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Transportation.