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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 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 Second Regular or First Special Sessions of the 123rd 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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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, 2008.¹ 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 123rd Legislature.

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

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 2176 An Act Relating to Studded Tires

PUBLIC 525

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND	OTP-AM	S-462

This bill provides an exemption for year-round use of pneumatic tires with retractable studs, flanges, cleats, spikes or other protuberances.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-462)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment clarifies that pneumatic tires with retractable studs, flanges, cleats, spikes or other protuberances may be used year-round provided that the protuberances are not be engaged or extended from the first day of May to the first day of October.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 525 provides that pneumatic tires with retractable studs, flanges, cleats, spikes or other protuberances may be used year-round provided that the protuberances are not be engaged or extended from the first day of May to the first day of October.

LD 2183 Resolve, To Place a Sign on the Maine Turnpike for the Black Mountain of Maine Ski Area

ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to erect signs on the Maine Turnpike at the appropriate exits to indicate directions to the Black Mountain of Maine ski area in Rumford.

LD 2196 An Act To Make Supplemental Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds, and To Change Certain Provisions of State Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009

PUBLIC 538
EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARLEY	OTP-AM A OTP-AM B OTP-AM C	H-865

PART A makes allocations of funds for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009.

PART B makes allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

PART C does the following:

1. It authorizes the State Controller to transfer \$219,827 by June 30, 2008 and \$219,827 by June 30, 2009 from the Accident, Sickness and Health Insurance Internal Service Fund in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unallocated surplus of the Highway Fund. The fund transfers are to recognize health insurance