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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.

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increases the registration fee for commercial motor vehicles weighing less than 6,000 pounds by \$10 to \$35 per year; increases the title fee by \$10 to \$33 per year; and increases the vanity plate fee by \$10 to \$25 per year.

It provides that the \$10 fee increases for the registration of noncommercial vehicles, registration of commercial motor vehicles weighing 6,000 pounds or less, certificates of title and vanity plates collected between the effective date of the Act and July 1, 2009 be deposited into the Highway Fund and allocated on a one-time basis for the Highway and Bridge Capital program during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. It also provides that, beginning July 1, 2009, the \$10 fee increase must be transferred on a quarterly basis by the Treasurer of State to the TransCap Trust Fund at the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.

The enacted bill authorizes the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, at the request of the Department of Transportation, to issue \$160,000,000 in TransCap Trust Fund revenue bonds through fiscal year 2012-13 for the purpose of making capital improvements to bridges.

It also establishes a bridge innovation and composites initiative. The Department of Transportation, working with the University of Maine, shall seek to expand the use of composite technologies in bridge maintenance and capital applications, use technology and products to inspect and extend the life of bridges and develop delivery models that expedite the design, rehabilitation and construction of bridges, reduce costs and reduce the impact on the traveling public.

Public Law 2007, chapter 647 has an effective date of September 1, 2008.

LD 2324 An Act To Expedite the Maintenance and Repair of Maine's Transportation Network

PUBLIC 682

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAMON		H-1040 MARLEY H-1048 MARLEY

This bill authorizes \$50,000,000 in TransCap Trust Fund revenue bonds over the next 5 years for highway reconstruction projects. The bill requires a \$5,000,000 transfer from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to the trust fund by June 30, 2009 and a transfer for the 2009-10 and ensuing fiscal years of amounts that represent the percentage change of Highway Fund allocations to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police accomplished in this Act.

The bill provides 51% funding for the Bureau of State Police from the General Fund and 49% funding for the Bureau of State Police from the Highway Fund.

This bill was introduced in the Senate without reference to a joint standing committee.

House Amendment "A" (H-1040)

This amendment removes the transfer from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund and instead transfers funds from the Highway Fund to the TransCap Trust Fund.

House Amendment "B" (H-1048)

This amendment strikes the emergency preamble and the emergency clause from the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2007, chapter 682 authorizes \$50,000,000 in TransCap Trust Fund revenue bonds over the next 5 years for highway reconstruction projects. The bill requires a \$5,000,000 transfer from the Highway Fund to the trust fund by June 30, 2009 and a transfer for the 2009-10 and ensuing fiscal years of amounts that represent the

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