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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 124th 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 124th 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:

CARRIED OVER.....	Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
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; bill died
ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report).....	Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
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

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature is September 12, 2009. 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 37

An Act To Allow a Weight Tolerance for Vehicle Auxiliary Power Units

PUBLIC 3

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT	OTP	

This bill extends a weight tolerance for vehicle auxiliary power units in the laws governing highway weight limits for vehicles.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 3 extends a weight tolerance for vehicle auxiliary power units in the laws governing highway weight limits for vehicles.

LD 38

An Act To Allow the Use of Only 2 Studded Tires on Front-wheel-drive Vehicles

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

This bill allows a front-wheel-drive vehicle to have studded snow tires on its front wheels only.

LD 39

An Act To Enhance Motorcycle Safety

PUBLIC 441

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CROCKETT P GERZOFISKY	OTP-AM	H-39

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to erect informational signs on roads where rumble strips are located to enhance motorcycle safety.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-39)

This amendment, which replaces the bill, requires the Department of Transportation to install signs on any state highway where centerline rumble strips are located to inform a driver that the driver is approaching a rumble strip and specifies that the signs must comply with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices published by the Federal Highway Administration.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 441 requires the Department of Transportation to install signs on any state highway where centerline rumble strips are located to inform a driver that the driver is approaching a rumble strip and