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**STATE OF MAINE**  
124<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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

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 124<sup>th</sup> 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*

This amendment provides that an autocycle may be equipped with a roll bar or enclosed cab in order to meet the general safety inspection standards. The amendment provides that an autocycle may only transport cargo in compliance with manufacturer specifications. The amendment removes the requirement for protective headgear. The amendment removes the requirement that a person operating an autocycle must possess a valid operator's license of any class with a motorcycle endorsement or a motorcycle operator's license, and clarifies that a person operating an autocycle must possess a valid operator's license. Finally, the amendment requires the Secretary of State to submit a report to the 125th Legislature regarding autocycles and repeals the provisions of law regarding autocycles 90 days after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 55 provides that an autocycle may be equipped with a roll bar or enclosed cab in order to meet the general safety inspection standards. It provides that an autocycle may only transport cargo in compliance with manufacturer specifications. It also clarifies that a person operating an autocycle must possess a valid operator's license. Finally, it requires the Secretary of State to submit a report to the 125th Legislature regarding autocycles and repeals the provisions of law regarding autocycles 90 days after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

**LD 169      An Act To Allow a Newly Licensed Driver To Transport a Foreign Exchange Student Who Lives with That Driver's Family**

**PUBLIC 10  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PLOWMAN DIAMOND	OTP	S-3    PLOWMAN

This bill allows a person under 18 years of age to transport a foreign exchange student that is living with that person's family.

### **Senate Amendment "A" (S-3)**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 10 allows a person under 18 years of age to transport a foreign exchange student that is living with that person's family.

Public Law 2009, chapter 10 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 23, 2009.

**LD 178      An Act To Create the Support Animal Welfare Registration Plate**

**PUBLIC 73**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING J	OTP-AM	S-8

This bill creates the Support Animal Welfare special registration plate. Proceeds from the plate would be divided equally between the animal welfare auxiliary fund and the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund, both of which are administered by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

# Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

## Committee Amendment "A" (S-8)

The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section. This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 73 creates the Support Animal Welfare special registration plate. Proceeds from the plate will be divided equally between the animal welfare auxiliary fund and the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund, both of which are administered by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

## LD 213      **An Act To Allow Military Reenlistees To Obtain a Veterans Registration Plate**

**PUBLIC 80**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	H-66

This bill allows a person who served at least one tour of duty in the United States Armed Forces and who reenlists into the United States Armed Forces to be eligible to receive veterans registration plates for vehicles and motorcycles upon application. It also adds reenlistees to those eligible to receive the special commemorative decals for medals awarded.

### Committee Amendment "A" (H-66)

This amendment, which replaces the bill, provides that any person who has served in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years and who continues to serve qualifies for special veterans registration plates for motor vehicles and a motorcycle. The amendment also directs the Secretary of State to recall the special veterans registration plate of a recipient who has been less than honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.

The amendment also provides that the Secretary of State is not required to purchase or manufacture additional special veterans registration plates if the demand by applicants who qualify for the plates exceeds the annual supply. If the demand exceeds the annual supply, the amendment directs the Secretary of State to maintain a waiting list for those who qualify for special veterans registration plates and to issue plates at the earliest date on which plates are available.

### Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 80 provides that any person who has served in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years and who continues to serve qualifies for special veterans registration plates for motor vehicles and a motorcycle. It directs the Secretary of State to recall the special veterans registration plate of a recipient who has been less than honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.

It also provides that the Secretary of State is not required to purchase or manufacture additional special veterans registration plates if the demand by applicants who qualify for the plates exceeds the annual supply. If the demand exceeds the annual supply, the law directs the Secretary of State to maintain a waiting list for those who qualify for special veterans registration plates and to issue plates at the earliest date on which plates are available.