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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 221 An Act To Modify the Laws Regarding Seat Belts

PUBLIC 34

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SULLIVAN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-9

This bill adds newspaper delivery persons engaged in the delivery of newspapers to the list of people who do not need to be secured in a seat belt.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-9)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, clarifies that a newspaper delivery person must be engaged in the actual delivery of newspapers from a vehicle or is performing newspaper delivery duties that require frequent entry into and exit from a vehicle to be exempt from the seat belt requirement in current law.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 34 clarifies that a newspaper delivery person must be engaged in the actual delivery of newspapers from a vehicle or is performing newspaper delivery duties that require frequent entry into and exit from a vehicle to be exempt from the seat belt requirement in current law.

LD 240 An Act To Extend the Exception to Axle Fines during the Midwinter Season

**PUBLIC 444
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON	OTP-AM	S-10

This bill removes the repeal date of the law that allows exceptions to axle fines during the midwinter.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-10)

The committee amendment adds a sunset of September 15, 2011 to that portion of law in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 2360-A that eliminates axle weight fine violations during the months of January and February on most state roads.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 444 adds a sunset of September 15, 2011 to that portion of law in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 2360-A that eliminates axle weight fine violations during the months of January and February on most state roads.

Public Law 2009, chapter 444 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 18, 2009.