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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:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<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 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

This bill allows a driver who for medical reasons cannot wear a seat belt to receive a placard indicating the driver is not required to wear a seat belt.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-11)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, provides that a certificate from a physician, which documents a person's medical condition and the opinion of the physician, is valid for the period designated by the physician and may not exceed one year.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 436 allows a driver who for medical reasons cannot wear a seat belt to receive a placard indicating the driver is not required to wear a seat belt. It also provides that a certificate from a physician, which documents a person's medical condition and the opinion of the physician, is valid for the period designated by the physician and may not exceed one year.

LD 269 An Act To Appropriate Funds To Equip State Trooper Cars with Cages ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$73,950 and a one-time Highway Fund allocation of \$71,050 to equip each state trooper vehicle with a security cage and an ongoing General Fund appropriation of \$15,300 and an ongoing Highway Fund allocation of \$14,700 to move the units from old vehicles to new vehicles.

LD 296 Resolve, To Name the Gorham Bypass RESOLVE 6

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

This resolve names the new Gorham bypass the Bernard P. Rines Bypass.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 6 names the new Gorham bypass the Bernard P. Rines Bypass.

LD 297 An Act To Ensure That Medical Equipment Found in a Repossessed Vehicle Is Returned to the Owner PUBLIC 45

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAY SHERMAN	OTP-AM	H-26