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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:

<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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 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*

**LD 435      Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Install a Traffic Light at an Intersection in Sabattus**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DOSTIE NUTTING J	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Route 132 and Route 126 where they connect to Pleasant Hill Road in the Town of Sabattus.

**LD 436      An Act To Include Trucks in the Definition of "Low-speed Vehicle"**

PUBLIC 42

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT JACKSON	OTP-AM	H-24

This bill amends the definition of "low-speed vehicle" to mean a 4-wheeled motor vehicle so that it includes trucks as well as automobiles. This bill removes language regarding ATVs, since the definition of "motor vehicle" already excludes ATVs.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-24)**

This amendment retains language regarding ATVs to clarify that low-speed vehicles do not include ATVs. This amendment also increases the weight limit for low-speed vehicles to the maximum permitted by federal rule.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 42 amends the definition of "low-speed vehicle" to mean a 4-wheeled motor vehicle so that it includes trucks as well as automobiles. It also increases the weight limit for low-speed vehicles to the maximum permitted by federal rule.

**LD 437      An Act To Require a Person under 18 Years of Age To Wear a Helmet While on a Motorcycle**

PUBLIC 50

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

This bill changes the age under which a motorcycle operator or passenger is required to wear protective headgear from under 15 years of age to under 18 years of age. This change would bring the headgear requirements for motorcycle operators or passengers into conformity with the headgear requirements for snowmobile operators or passengers on trails funded by the Snowmobile Trail Fund and ATV operators or passengers.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 50 changes the age under which a motorcycle operator or passenger is required to wear