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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 541 Resolve, Regarding the Retention of Dealer Plates in Light of Recent Economic Conditions

**RESOLVE 14
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROWNE GOOLEY	OTP-AM	H-10

This resolve places a moratorium from February 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010 on reducing the number of dealer plates a motor vehicle dealer may have based on a failure to make minimum sales requirements.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-10)

This amendment places a moratorium from February 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010 on denial of a renewal of a dealer's license solely because the dealer failed to meet minimum sales requirements. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the resolve.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 14 places a moratorium from February 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010 on denial of a renewal of a dealer's license solely because the dealer failed to meet minimum sales requirements.

Resolve 2009, chapter 14 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 21, 2009.

LD 542 An Act Pertaining to the TransCap Trust Fund in the Maine Municipal Bond Bank

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA	ONTP	

This bill:

1. Eliminates a reference to a section of law that does not exist and cites within the TransCap Trust Fund statute the correct sections that concern the transfer by the Treasurer of State of certain fees to the fund; and
2. Clarifies that any grants issued from the fund must be used for capital projects with a useful life of at least 15 years.

LD 554 Resolve, To Allow the Department of Transportation To Transfer Certain Land to the Greater Grand Isle Historical Society

RESOLVE 9

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AYOTTE JACKSON	OTP-AM	H-9

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

This resolve authorizes the transfer of certain land to the Greater Grand Isle Historical Society.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)

This amendment authorizes the Governor, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Transportation, to transfer certain land to the Greater Grand Isle Historical Society. The resolve directed the Commissioner of Transportation to make that transfer.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2009, chapter 9 authorizes the Governor, upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Transportation, to transfer certain land to the Greater Grand Isle Historical Society. It also directs the Commissioner of Transportation to make that transfer.

LD 592 An Act To Increase Mandatory Minimum Insurance Requirements for Vehicles for Hire ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FLAHERTY BLISS	ONTP	

This bill increases the required minimum insurance coverage for vehicles for hire, including emergency vehicles and rental vehicles.

LD 593 Resolve, To Require the Department of Transportation To Improve the Safety of the Intersection of Route 4 and the Dill Road in the Town of Phillips ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO GOOLEY	ONTP	

This resolve requires the Department of Transportation to take whatever steps are necessary to make the intersection of Route 4 and the Dill Road in the Town of Phillips safer.

LD 602 An Act To Permit Wrecker Services To Charge for Storage while a Vehicle Is under an Order of Impoundment ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS P	ONTP	

This bill permits wrecker services to charge for storage while a vehicle is under an order of impoundment.