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



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during  
the Second 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 Second 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 HOUSES</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 Second Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Monday, July 12, 2010. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

## *Joint Standing Committee on Taxation*

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session. It requires the motor vehicle excise tax to be based on 90% of the manufacturer's suggested retail price for the motor vehicle, regardless of the amount actually paid for the motor vehicle.

**LD 588      An Act To Amend the Excise Tax on Motor Vehicles To Reflect Depreciation**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PILON PERRY J	ONTP	

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session. It changes the formula for the calculation of the motor vehicle excise tax so that the rate of the motor vehicle excise tax remains unchanged throughout the life of the vehicle but the base depreciates over the same 6-year period from 95% of the maker's list price to 15% of the maker's list price to reflect the depreciating actual value of the vehicle.

**LD 659      An Act To Reduce the Sales Tax on Certain Watercraft**

**PUBLIC 620**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PILON PERRY J	OTP-AM	H-597 S-544 DIAMOND

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session. Current law exempts from taxation the sale of watercraft, the sale of materials for watercraft construction and the sale of materials for watercraft repair, alteration, refitting, reconstruction, overhaul and restoration if the sale is made to a nonresident and the watercraft is intended to be transported outside the State. This bill extends the exemption to all persons and without regard to whether the watercraft will remain in the State.

**Committee Amendment "B" (H-597)**

This amendment changes the sales tax exemption for watercraft and related materials sold to nonresidents to eliminate the requirement that the watercraft be removed from the State immediately upon delivery by the seller.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "B" (S-544)**

This amendment replaces changes made in the committee amendment to the sales tax exemption for certain watercraft purchased by nonresidents and provides a 60% reduction in the sales and use tax rate for nonresidents who keep their watercraft in the State beyond the time periods specified in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1760, subsection 25 and subsection 45, paragraph A-1.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 620 provides a 60% reduction in the sales and use tax rate for nonresidents who keep their watercraft in the State beyond the time periods specified in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1760, subsection 25 and subsection 45, paragraph A-1.

Public Law 2009, chapter 620 takes effect August 1, 2010.