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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 878 An Act To Change the Status of the Road System at the Loring Development Authority

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AYOTTE JACKSON	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

This bill allows the Loring Development Authority to enter into service contracts and to participate in the Rural Road Initiative with the Department of Transportation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-140)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, clarifies that the Loring Development Authority may participate in the Urban-Rural Initiative Program with the Department of Transportation and that the authority's eligibility is not contingent upon acceptance of its roads as town ways by the Town of Limestone.

LD 907 An Act To Amend the Speed Limits for Low-speed Vehicles

**ACCEPTED ONTP
REPORT**

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

This bill amends the law regarding low-speed vehicles.

1. It increases the minimum and maximum speeds for low-speed vehicles to 30 and 35 miles per hour, respectively. It also eliminates a cross-reference to the federal regulations concerning low-speed vehicles since under those regulations the maximum attainable speed is 25 miles per hour.
2. It allows low-speed vehicles to be operated on streets or roads having a maximum posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour, instead of the current limit of 35 miles per hour.
3. It requires the operator of a low-speed vehicle to move to the side of the road, when it is safe and practicable to do so, to allow a line of 7 or more vehicles directly behind the low-speed vehicle to pass.

LD 920 An Act To Reduce Noise Pollution

ONTP

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