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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 1234 An Act To Regulate the Use of Traffic Surveillance Cameras

PUBLIC 223

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA	OTP-AM	H-225

This bill prohibits the use of a traffic surveillance camera to prove or enforce a violation of the motor vehicle laws.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-225)

The amendment provides that the prohibition of the use of traffic surveillance cameras does not apply to a photo-monitoring system used by the Maine Turnpike Authority for toll enforcement purposes.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 223 prohibits the use of a traffic surveillance camera to prove or enforce a violation of the motor vehicle laws. It provides that the prohibition of the use of traffic surveillance cameras does not apply to a photo-monitoring system used by the Maine Turnpike Authority for toll enforcement purposes.

LD 1274 An Act To Establish a Gold Star Family Member License Plate

ONTP

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

This bill establishes the Gold Star Family Member license plate for gold star medal recipients. Gold star medals are awarded by the Adjutant General to express formally condolence and appreciation to the closest surviving family members of members of the United States Armed Forces who, since September 11, 2001, are killed in action or die as a consequence of injuries that result in the award of a Purple Heart medal.

LD 1315 An Act To Amend the Private Way Laws with Regard to Road Associations

PUBLIC 239

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUCHESNE GOODALL	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-316

This bill clarifies the reasons why a group of property owners benefited by a private way may call a meeting of a road association, what issues a road association may address and the ability of a road association to negotiate an easement for storm water management infrastructure. This bill also allows a town to use town equipment on a private way for water quality management.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-316)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, eliminates a