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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.

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**LD 1562**

**An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws**

**PUBLIC 598**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAMON	OTP-AM	H-711 MAZUREK S-391 S-433 DAMON

This bill makes several changes to the motor vehicle laws.

1. It repeals the requirement that the prior certificate of registration be returned to the Secretary of State when a registration is transferred or canceled.
2. It permits a disabled veteran who has been issued disabled veterans registration plates to park in a disability parking space without the need to obtain a separate disability placard.
3. It amends various provisions of law by removing references to motor carrier operating authority.
4. It clarifies that a car dealer operating an unattended sales promotion at a charity event is exempt from permit fees when a vehicle is displayed as a prize.
5. It updates motor carrier operating authority requirements by removing motor carrier intrastate operating authority requirements and correcting associated references related to insurance and suspension of authority.
6. It corrects cross-references to provisions of law repealed in the bill.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-391)**

This committee amendment allows the sportsman registration plate to be displayed on Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Department of Conservation vehicles.

The amendment allows a special equipment registration to be issued for 2 years at twice the annual fee, as is currently allowed for most trailers.

The amendment eliminates the section of the bill that proposes to permit a disabled veteran who has been issued a disabled veteran registration to park in a disability parking space without the need to obtain a separate disability placard. Instead, the amendment adds the International Symbol of Access to the disabled veteran registration plate, allowing a person who has been issued the registration plate to park in a disability parking space without the need to obtain a separate disability placard.

The amendment amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, chapter 5, subchapter 2 headnote to more accurately reflect the provisions in the subchapter.

The amendment changes a violation of the Unified Carrier Registration System requirements from a Class E crime to a traffic infraction.

The amendment clarifies that the issuance of rush titles and certain other documents are expedited rather than immediate.

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The amendment also clarifies that certificates of title and salvage are not issued for off-road vehicles.

The amendment allows a vehicle dealer with multiple places of business to keep the original vehicle title at a central location if a copy is available for the customer's inspection.

The amendment clarifies that the Secretary of State may refuse to issue a title to a vehicle declared salvage in another state.

The amendment also clarifies that the Secretary of State may carry forward a title legend issued by another state.

The amendment clarifies that a lienholder must submit a title application to the Secretary of State within 30 days.

The amendment provides that proof of financial responsibility with respect to a nonresident can be provided by insurers authorized to transact business in the state of residence of the insured.

### **House Amendment "A" (H-711)**

This amendment removes the requirement in current law that a driver's license issued to a person convicted for OUI bear a coded notation of the conviction.

### **Senate Amendment "A" (S-433)**

This amendment clarifies that the reinstatement fee for a suspension for failure to appear, answer or pay a fine for a traffic infraction be deposited equally between the Highway Fund and the General Fund.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 598 makes changes to the motor vehicle laws.

1. It repeals the requirement that the prior certificate of registration be returned to the Secretary of State when a registration is transferred or canceled.
2. It amends various provisions of law by removing references to motor carrier operating authority.
3. It clarifies that a car dealer operating an unattended sales promotion at a charity event is exempt from permit fees when a vehicle is displayed as a prize.
4. It updates motor carrier operating authority requirements by removing motor carrier intrastate operating authority requirements and correcting associated references related to insurance and suspension of authority.
5. It allows the sportsman registration plate to be displayed on Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and Department of Conservation vehicles.
6. It allows a special equipment registration to be issued for 2 years at twice the annual fee, as is currently allowed for most trailers.
7. It adds the International Symbol of Access to the disabled veteran registration plate, allowing a person who has been issued the registration plate to park in a disability parking space without the need to obtain a separate disability placard.
8. It changes a violation of the Unified Carrier Registration System requirements from a Class E crime to a traffic infraction.

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9. It clarifies that the issuance of rush titles and certain other documents are expedited rather than immediate.
10. It clarifies that certificates of title and salvage are not issued for off-road vehicles.
11. It allows a vehicle dealer with multiple places of business to keep the original vehicle title at a central location if a copy is available for the customer's inspection.
12. It clarifies that the Secretary of State may refuse to issue a title to a vehicle declared salvage in another state.
13. It clarifies that the Secretary of State may carry forward a title legend issued by another state.
14. It clarifies that a lienholder must submit a title application to the Secretary of State within 30 days.
15. It provides that proof of financial responsibility with respect to a nonresident can be provided by insurers authorized to transact business in the state of residence of the insured.
16. It removes the requirement in current law that a driver's license issued to a person convicted for OUI bear a coded notation of the conviction.
17. It clarifies that the reinstatement fee for a suspension for failure to appear, answer or pay a fine for a traffic infraction be deposited equally between the Highway Fund and the General Fund.

**LD 1570      An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the We Support Our Troops  
Registration Plates**

**PUBLIC 481**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PILON	OTP-AM	H-606

This bill clarifies where in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management proceeds from the sale of We Support Our Troops registration plates are to be deposited and specifies the authority of the We Support Our Troops Advisory Board with respect to the determination of the use of these proceeds.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-606)**

The committee amendment strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment directs that proceeds from the sale of We Support Our Troops registration plates be deposited into the Maine Military Family Relief Fund in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management. The amendment specifies that the We Support Our Troops Advisory Board determines the use of the revenue deposited in the fund from the We Support Our Troops registration plates.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 481 provides that proceeds from the sale of We Support Our Troops registration plates be deposited into the Maine Military Family Relief Fund in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management. It specifies that the We Support Our Troops Advisory Board determines the use of the revenue deposited in the fund from the We Support Our Troops registration plates.