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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 Transportation*

The bill clarifies the law regarding excessive noise as it relates to mufflers and exhaust systems of motor vehicles operated within posted areas designated by the Department of Transportation or the Maine Turnpike Authority.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-672)**

This committee amendment defines "excessive or unusual noise" as it relates to exhaust systems that are improperly installed or maintained or modified in a way that increases the noise emitted by a motor vehicle. The amendment also directs the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to convene a working group to study issues relating to highway traffic noise, including, but not limited to, unwarranted noise created when an exhaust system is not properly installed or maintained or is altered.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 639 defines "excessive or unusual noise" as it relates to exhaust systems that are improperly installed or maintained or modified in a way that increases the noise emitted by a motor vehicle. It also directs the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to convene a working group to study issues relating to highway traffic noise, including, but not limited to, unwarranted noise created when an exhaust system is not properly installed or maintained or is altered.

### **LD 1655 An Act To Preserve the "We Support Our Troops" Registration Plate**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)

RAYE

Committee Report

ONTP

Amendments Adopted

Under current law, the Secretary of State is required to retire specialty license plates when the number of sets of the plate issued falls below 4,000. This bill enacts an exception for the "We Support Our Troops" registration plate and sets the minimum number for that specialty plate at 3,500.

### **LD 1663 An Act Relating to the Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board**

**PUBLIC 485**

Sponsor(s)

MARRACHE

Committee Report

OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted

S-358

This bill establishes in the Maine Revised Statutes a committee to aid the Department of Transportation in developing and maintaining general aviation and airports in the State.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-358)**

This committee amendment strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment expands the existing Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board from 5 members to at least 7 members. The amendment strikes a provision requiring that one member of the advisory board not represent an interest in aviation.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2009, chapter 485 expands the existing Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board from 5 members to at least 7 members. It also strikes a provision requiring that one member of the advisory board not represent an interest in aviation.