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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during
the Second 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 Second 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:

<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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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 124th 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 1669 **Resolve, To Name the New Bridge over Gilman Stream in New Portland
the Joshua Bernard Memorial Bridge**

**LEAVE TO
WITHDRAW**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PINKHAM	LTW	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to name the new bridge over Gilman Stream in New Portland on State Route 16 as the Joshua Bernard Memorial Bridge.

LD 1670 **Resolve, To Authorize the Placement of a Sign at Saddleback Mountain**

ONTP

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

This resolve gives the Saddleback Mountain ski resort authorization to erect a 5-foot-by-6-foot directional sign on the access road to the resort, at the corner of State Route 4 and Dallas Hill Road in the Town of Rangeley, if the resort receives approval for the sign from the Town of Rangeley.

LD 1675 **An Act To Reduce Noise Caused by Motorcycles and Improve Public
Health**

PUBLIC 624

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SULLIVAN	OTP-AM	S-415

This bill, which is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes to enact measures designed to improve public health by limiting the amount of noise that may be caused by motorcycles in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-415)

This committee amendment requires that, effective January 1, 2012, an inspection sticker for a motorcycle be affixed to the rear of the motorcycle either on a mounting plate or on a rear fender or similar frame or body part of the motorcycle. The amendment also directs the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to convene a working group to study the issue of motorcycle noise, including, but not limited to, industry sound testing standards, United States Environmental Protection Agency labeling guidelines for noise emissions, and motorcycle safety inspection requirements and to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by January 15, 2011.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009, chapter 624 requires that, effective January 1, 2012, an inspection sticker for a motorcycle be affixed to the rear of the motorcycle either on a mounting plate or on a rear fender or similar frame or body part of the motorcycle. It also directs the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to convene a working group

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to study the issue of motorcycle noise, including, but not limited to, industry sound testing standards, United States Environmental Protection Agency labeling guidelines for noise emissions, and motorcycle safety inspection requirements and to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by January 15, 2011.

LD 1678 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Review the Fiscal Impact on the State of the Closure of the Railroad Track between Madawaska and Millinocket **ONTP**

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

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to review the fiscal impact upon the State of the proposed closure of railroad tracks between the Town of Madawaska and the Town of Millinocket and report its findings to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

LD 1719 An Act To Encourage Tourism by Ensuring the Safety, Accessibility and Availability of Highway Rest Stops and Scenic Overlooks **ACCEPTED ONTP REPORT**

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

The bill prohibits loitering at rest areas maintained by the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority. The bill requires that rest areas on Interstate 95 located in Pittsfield and Sidney be reopened. The bill directs the Department of Transportation to open and maintain the scenic overlook in the Town of Medway on Interstate 95 northbound, which overlooks Mount Katahdin.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-627)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, strikes language directing the Department of Transportation to reopen and maintain the previously closed rest area on Interstate 95 southbound in the Town of Sidney. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

LD 1728 An Act To Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of State Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011 **PUBLIC 600 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAZUREK DAMON	OTP-AM	H-799