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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 125th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD 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 LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

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; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is September 28, 2011. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

Resolve 2011, chapter 1 names the part of Route 2 from Frost Street in the Town of Lincoln to the East Winn Road in the Town of Winn the Master Sergeant Gary Gordon Highway.

LD 25 An Act To Allow the Registration of a Bus as an Antique Vehicle

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill includes antique buses in the definition of "antique auto" in the laws governing motor vehicles. It includes antique buses in the laws governing the registration of antique autos and in the laws that exempt antique autos from inspection.

LD 26 Resolve, To Name a Bridge over the Kennebec River between the Town of Benton and the Town of Fairfield the Brian L. Buker/Frank W. Haskell Medal of Honor Bridge

RESOLVE 3

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COTTA MARTIN T	OTP	

This resolve names a bridge over the Kennebec River between the Town of Benton and the Town of Fairfield the Brian L. Buker/Frank W. Haskell Medal of Honor Bridge.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 3 names a bridge over the Kennebec River between the Town of Benton and the Town of Fairfield the Brian L. Buker/Frank W. Haskell Medal of Honor Bridge.

LD 27 An Act Concerning Maine Veterans License Plates

ONTP

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

This bill amends the law that requires a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who is eligible to receive veterans license plates to show proof of veteran status to specify that proof is required only for the initial application and that the Secretary of State shall keep the copies of the documents on file to be used for any subsequent application for plates. It also expands the list of acceptable documents to provide for veterans who do not have their original discharge from military service papers.