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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

LD 135

An Act To Allow the Placement of Certain Road Signs That Advertise a Small Business

**MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill allows a person or business that employs fewer than 10 persons to place a sign on private property within one mile of the place of business without a license or permit.

LD 143

An Act Relating to Disability License Plates and Placards for People with Permanent Disabilities

PUBLIC 23

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GILBERT COLLINS	OTP-AM	H-22

This bill provides that a person who has a permanent disability and whose physician certifies that the disability is permanent does not need to continue to show proof of that disability for a disability plate or placard.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-22)

The bill provides that a person with a disability whose physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or registered nurse certifies that the disability is permanent does not need to continue to show proof of that disability every 4 years for a disability plate or placard.

This amendment clarifies that the exception applies only to the person with a disability and not to a vehicle owner who is a spouse, parent or legal guardian of the person with a disability, when the person with a disability is a resident of this State or a member of the relative's or guardian's household and dependent on the vehicle owner as the primary means of transportation. This exception also does not apply to an organization or agency in this State that transports persons with disabilities.

This amendment also removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 23 provides that a person with a disability whose physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or registered nurse certifies that the disability is permanent does not need to continue to show proof of that disability every 4 years for a disability plate or placard.

It also clarifies that the exception applies only to the person with a disability and not to a vehicle owner who is a spouse, parent or legal guardian of the person with a disability, when the person with a disability is a resident of this State or a member of the relative's or guardian's household and dependent on the vehicle owner as the primary means of transportation. This exception also does not apply to an organization or agency in this State that transports persons with disabilities.