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**STATE OF MAINE**  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 125<sup>th</sup> 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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 217**      **An Act To Require the Maine Turnpike Authority To Promote Maine Products and Businesses**      **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| RECTOR            | ONTP                    |                           |

This bill requires the Maine Turnpike Authority to promote and accommodate Maine products and businesses at rest areas owned or operated by the authority, with the advice and approval of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

**LD 218**      **An Act To Improve the Safety of Minors by Collecting Data on Vehicle Collision Rates**      **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| SAVIELLO          | ONTP                    |                           |

This bill requires the Secretary of State to make available online annually a report detailing the collision rate within 12 months of licensure for all students and for minor students of every approved driver education course in the State during the previous fiscal year. The report must also list the severity of the collisions underlying the collision rate.

**LD 221**      **An Act To Make Changes to the Motorcycle Inspection Sticker Requirements**      **PUBLIC 167**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PLOWMAN           | OTP-AM                  | S-66                      |

Public Law 2009, chapter 624 provides that, effective January 1, 2012, an inspection sticker for a motorcycle must 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, but not on the registration plate. This bill provides that, effective January 1, 2012, an inspection sticker for a motorcycle may be affixed to the registration plate.

The bill also provides that if an official inspection sticker is affixed to the registration plate and the registration plate is reassigned to another motorcycle, the certificate of inspection and the official inspection sticker expire upon reassignment.

Currently, the Secretary of State issues 2 stickers for motor vehicle registration, the first bearing the month of issue and the 2nd bearing the year of issue, in lieu of issuing new registration plates each calendar year. This bill directs the Secretary of State to design one registration sticker for motorcycle registration plates, to be used in lieu of issuing new motorcycle registration plates each calendar year. This registration sticker must clearly indicate both the year and month of registration.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-66)**