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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 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)

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

The amendment changes the registration period for motorcycles to a fixed registration period of April 1st to March 31st of the next calendar year. The amendment also provides that the registration fee and excise tax for motorcycles due for renewal in 2012 will be prorated accordingly.

The amendment provides that, beginning March 1, 2012, an inspection sticker for a motorcycle must be affixed to the registration plate and not on a mounting plate or rear fender or similar frame or integral body part of the motorcycle. The amendment also provides that if the registration plate is reassigned to another motorcycle, the certificate of inspection and the official inspection sticker expire upon reassignment.

The amendment changes the deadline for the Secretary of State to design one registration sticker, which must clearly indicate both the year and month of registration expiration, for motorcycle registration plates from January 1, 2012 to March 1, 2012.

The amendment also provides that before March 1, 2013, if a motorcycle meets the inspection standard, either a valid certificate of inspection or an official inspection sticker for the motorcycle is acceptable proof of inspection.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 167 changes the registration period for motorcycles to a fixed registration period of April 1st to March 31st of the next calendar year. It also provides that the registration fee and excise tax for motorcycles due for renewal in 2012 will be prorated accordingly.

The law provides that, beginning March 1, 2012, an inspection sticker for a motorcycle must be affixed to the registration plate and not on a mounting plate or rear fender or similar frame or integral body part of the motorcycle. It also provides that if the registration plate is reassigned to another motorcycle, the certificate of inspection and the official inspection sticker expire upon reassignment.

The law changes the deadline for the Secretary of State to design one registration sticker, which must clearly indicate both the year and month of registration expiration, for motorcycle registration plates from January 1, 2012 to March 1, 2012.

It also provides that before March 1, 2013, if a motorcycle meets the inspection standard, either a valid certificate of inspection or an official inspection sticker for the motorcycle is acceptable proof of inspection.

LD 235 An Act To Include Antique Motorcycles on the List of Vehicles That Are Exempt from Inspection

**PUBLIC 8
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)

GILBERT
THOMAS

Committee Report

OTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill includes antique motorcycles on the list of vehicles that are exempt from inspection.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 8 includes antique motorcycles on the list of vehicles that are exempt from inspection.

Public Law 2011, chapter 8 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 25, 2011.