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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

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.

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LD 235

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

**PUBLIC 8
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GILBERT THOMAS	OTP	

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.