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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**

providing repair services, a motor vehicle dealer may enter into a contract with a mechanic to perform repairs or may lease the dealer's facility to a mechanic who performs repairs.

This bill directs the Secretary of State to amend rules establishing the requirements for licensing motor vehicle dealers before January 1, 2012. This bill also directs the Secretary of State to convene a working group to study licensing requirements for motor vehicle dealers and directs the working group to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. This bill gives the committee authority to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature concerning licensing requirements for motor vehicle dealers.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-13)**

This amendment, which strikes and replaces the bill, directs the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles to convene a working group to study licensing requirements for new and used motor vehicle dealers. The amendment directs the working group to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than January 15, 2012. The amendment gives the committee the authority to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature concerning the requirements for licensing motor vehicle dealers.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 11 directs the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles to convene a working group to study licensing requirements for new and used motor vehicle dealers. It directs the working group to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than January 15, 2012. It gives the committee the authority to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature concerning the requirements for licensing motor vehicle dealers.

**LD 272**

**An Act To Provide Funds for Municipal Sand and Salt Storage Facilities**

**DIED ON  
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COURTNEY	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-27

This bill allocates \$1,725,949 from the Highway Fund for the purpose of providing funds to municipalities for the construction of Priority 3 and Priority 4 sand and salt sheds.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-27)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**LD 283**

**An Act To Require That Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Solid Precipitation When Operated on Public Ways**

**ONTP**

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

This bill requires that a person operating a motor vehicle at 40 miles per hour or more on a public way clear the motor vehicle of solid precipitation. Failure to clear a motor vehicle is a traffic infraction subject to a \$250 fine for a first offense and \$500 for a 2nd or subsequent offense.