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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 354 Resolve, To Improve the Intersection of Route 1 and Manktown Road in Waldoboro ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to improve the intersection of Route 1 and Manktown Road in Waldoboro, including visibility improvements, lane widening and construction of a southbound turning lane. The department is also required to install flashing school zone signs on Manktown Road on either side of the school zone occupied by Medomak Middle School and Medomak Valley High School.

LD 357 An Act To Repeal Motor Vehicle Inspection Requirements ONTP

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

This bill repeals statutory provisions that require motor vehicles registered in the State to have an annual motor vehicle inspection.

LD 365 An Act Pertaining to Railroad Crossing Fees MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

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

This bill prohibits a railroad from charging a fee from or requiring insurance of a person who owns or has a right of way to pass over a railroad crossing.

LD 367 An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Noncommercial Foreign Vessels PUBLIC 14

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA COLLINS	OTP	

This bill exempts noncommercial foreign vessels of under 200 feet from the requirement that a pilot licensed in this State be on board.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 14 exempts noncommercial foreign vessels of under 200 feet from the requirement that a pilot licensed in this State be on board.

LD 370 An Act To Modify Vehicle Inspection Fees ONTP

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

This bill increases the maximum amount charged for vehicle inspections by \$4 and increases the maximum fees for enhanced inspections that are applicable to Cumberland County by \$3.

LD 383 An Act To Eliminate the Annual Indexing of Fuel Tax Rates ONTP

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

This bill repeals the annual indexing of motor fuel tax rates and deletes cross-references.

LD 414 An Act To Allow Landowners Road Access ONTP

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

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to waive certain requirements in rule and issue a permit for a driveway when no other location exists for vehicular access to a property and the property has at least 50 feet of frontage on a state highway or state aid highway. This bill also authorizes the department to impose reasonable restrictions on vehicular access to a person's property to improve safety, except that these restrictions may not include modifications to the state highway or state aid highway.