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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*

The amendment defines "new motor vehicle" as a motor vehicle of the current model year or model year immediately preceding the current model year that has not been previously registered or titled.

This amendment also increases the cost of inspection stickers for new vehicle dealers by \$1, from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per sticker.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 191 provides that a new motor vehicle owned by a new vehicle dealer with a dealer plate is exempt from motor vehicle inspection requirements only if the vehicle is operated for purposes directly connected with the business of buying, selling, testing, adjusting, servicing, demonstrating or exchanging the vehicle or for use by customers for not more than 7 days to demonstrate the vehicle.

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### **LD 454      An Act To Permit Variation in Motor Vehicle Registration Expiration      ONTP** **Dates**

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

This bill permits motor vehicle owners to choose the renewal date of their motor vehicle registrations at the time of registration, in which case the excise tax is prorated for the first year of registration.

### **LD 456      An Act Relating to Temporary Disability Parking Permits      PUBLIC 117**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LONGSTAFF COLLINS	OTP-AM	H-145

This bill authorizes a licensed physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or registered nurse to issue a 21-day disability parking permit to a person with a disability to be used while the person is obtaining a temporary or permanent disability parking credential from the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-145)**

The bill permits the Secretary of State to authorize certain medical professionals to issue a 21-day parking permit for a person with a disability. This amendment directs the Secretary of State to create a 21-day parking permit for a person with a disability to be used while that person is waiting to receive a disability registration plate or placard.

The amendment alters the requirement that the 21-day parking permit be displayed on a vehicle's dashboard to require instead that the 21-day parking permit be displayed in a manner so that it may be viewed from the front of the vehicle.