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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 also directs the Secretary of State to adopt rules to establish qualifications and requirements for a person authorized to issue a 21-day parking permit.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 117 permits the Secretary of State to authorize certain medical professionals to issue a 21-day parking permit for a person with a disability. It 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 law requires that the 21-day parking permit be displayed in a manner so that it may be viewed from the front of the vehicle.

It also directs the Secretary of State to adopt rules to establish qualifications and requirements for a person authorized to issue a 21-day parking permit.

LD 471 An Act To Reduce Certain Highway Fund Obligations

**DIED ON
ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA THOMAS	OTP-AM	H-280

This bill:

1. Changes the state funding support for the Maine State Ferry Service from the Highway Fund to the General Fund;
2. Decreases the portion of the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police funding provided by the Highway Fund from 49% to 33% and increases the portion of funding provided by the General Fund from 51% to 67%; and
3. Provides that the amount of savings to the Highway Fund due to the transfer of support of the Maine State Ferry Service from the Highway Fund to the General Fund and due to the reduction of funding, from 49% to 33%, from the Highway Fund to support the Bureau of State Police must be used for highway resurfacing and maintenance paving.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-280)

This amendment strikes from the bill the provision that changes the source of the state funding support for the Maine State Ferry Service from the Highway Fund to the General Fund.

The amendment also strikes the provisions specifying that the amount of savings to the Highway Fund due to the transfer of support of the Maine State Ferry Service from the Highway Fund to the General Fund and due to the reduction of funding, from 49% to 33%, from the Highway Fund to support the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police must be used for highway resurfacing and maintenance paving.

The amendment leaves in place the provision in the bill that decreases the portion of the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police funding provided by the Highway Fund from 49% to 33% and increases the portion of funding provided by the General Fund from 51% to 67%.

The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.