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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

This bill authorizes the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to issue \$35,000,000 in federally authorized grant anticipation revenue vehicle debt financing instruments, GARVEE bonds, to be repaid with federal transportation funds, the proceeds of which will be used by the Department of Transportation to repair the Memorial Bridge, which carries Route 1 across the Piscataqua River, programmed in the 2012-2013 biennium.

LD 622 An Act To Permit the Display of the National Emergency Service Medal on Registration Plates of Recipients PUBLIC 22

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

This bill allows the Secretary of State to issue special commemorative decals for use with special veterans registration plates to any person who served in the United States Armed Forces, was honorably discharged and was awarded the National Emergency Service Medal.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 22 allows the Secretary of State to issue special commemorative decals for use with special veterans registration plates to any person who served in the United States Armed Forces, was honorably discharged and was awarded the National Emergency Service Medal.

LD 625 An Act To Amend the Law Pertaining to Loaner Registration Plates PUBLIC 44

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BELIVEAU HILL	OTP-AM	H-71

This bill removes the restriction that prohibits all but new car dealers from using special loaner plates bearing the same combination of letters and numbers as appears on the dealer's special initial registration plates.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-71)

This amendment strikes the bill and authorizes the Secretary of State to select and issue special distinguishing letters, marks or designs for number plates issued to owners of body shops, transmission shops and garages. The amendment also provides that a used car dealer or an owner of a body shop, transmission shop or garage may apply for special vanity registration plates that may bear letters or combinations of letters and numbers that are approved by the Secretary of State. The amendment allows a used car dealer or an owner of a body shop, transmission shop or garage to apply for special vanity loaner plates bearing the same combination of letters and numbers as appears on the special vanity registration plates.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 44 authorizes the Secretary of State to select and issue special distinguishing letters, marks or designs for number plates issued to owners of body shops, transmission shops and garages. It also provides that a used car dealer or an owner of a body shop, transmission shop or garage may apply for special vanity registration plates that may bear letters or combinations of letters and numbers that are approved by the Secretary of State. The law allows a used car dealer or an owner of a body shop, transmission shop or garage to apply for special vanity loaner plates bearing the same combination of letters and numbers as appears on the special vanity registration