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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*

**LD 748      An Act To Improve Driver Education Licensing**

**PUBLIC 442**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI	OTP-AM	H-227

This bill extends driver education school licenses from one year to 2 years. It also extends the teaching license of a driver education teacher or instructor to 5 years. The bill also adds 2 members from the board of a statewide driver and traffic safety education association and 2 business owners who hold Class A licenses to teach driver education to the Secretary of State's Technical Review Panel and increases the license fees for teachers and instructors from \$80 to \$100.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-227)**

This amendment removes the provision in the bill that proposes to extend driver education school licenses from one year to 2 years. The amendment also changes the duration of a teaching license of a driver education teacher or instructor from the proposed 5 years in the bill to 2 years. The amendment also strikes the provision that proposes to add 2 members from the board of a statewide driver and traffic safety education association and 2 business owners who hold Class A licenses to teach driver education to the Secretary of State's Technical Review Panel.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Currently, the duration of a teaching license of a driver education teacher or instructor is one year. Public Law 2011, chapter 442 changes the duration of a teaching license of a driver education teacher or instructor to 2 years and provides that the fee for the 2-year teaching license is \$100.

**LD 766      An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for  
the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December  
31, 2012**

**P & S 16**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-383

This bill makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2012 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-383)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2011, chapter 16 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2012 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.