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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*

**LD 883**

**Resolve, To Name the Katahdin Rest Area on Interstate 95**

**ONTP**

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

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to designate the scenic overlook that overlooks Mount Katahdin on Interstate 95 the "Katahdin View Rest Area," and to install a sign at the scenic overlook with an explanation of what is seen in the panoramic view. It also requires the department to erect a stone monument at the scenic overlook with a bronze plaque describing Mount Katahdin and its importance to the State.

**LD 925**

**An Act Regarding Motorcycle Proof of Inspection**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILLETTE M SHERMAN	ONTP	

This bill requires a person to have a motorcycle inspected and insured prior to registering the motorcycle. The bill also requires that the inspection and registration take place during the same month. The bill requires the Secretary of State to implement a system that allows for the synchronization of motorcycle inspection and registration renewals.

**LD 945**

**Resolve, To Require the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Submit a New Design for the Sportsman Registration Plate**

**ONTP**

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

Current law requires that the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife submit a new proposed design for the sportsman registration plate every 6 years. This resolve requires the commissioner to submit a new design featuring the image of a deer for the sportsman registration plate for issuance beginning in 2012.

**LD 970**

**An Act To Increase Safety for Law Enforcement Officers and Emergency Responders**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CORNELL DU HOUX GERZOFSKY	ONTP	

Current law requires a minimum fine of \$250 for an operator of a vehicle who passes a stationary authorized emergency vehicle or wrecker in an unsafe manner. This bill raises that fine to \$500 for a 2-year period, after which