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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.

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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

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the fine will go back to \$250.

**LD 986 An Act To Allow a Person To Receive a Designation of Active Military
or Veteran Status on a Driver's License or Nondriver Identification
Card**

PUBLIC 134

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRAHAN	OTP-AM	S-62

This bill requires the Secretary of State to place a designation on a driver's license indicating that the licensee is an honorably discharged veteran upon receiving documentation that the licensee served in and was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-62)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. This amendment requires the Secretary of State, at the request of an eligible applicant, to issue a driver's license or nondriver identification card to the applicant with a military service designation that identifies the applicant as a person actively serving in an enlisted grade of the United States Armed Forces or as a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

The amendment further requires the Secretary of State to determine the design and location on the license and nondriver identification card for the military service designation.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 356, sections 20 and 24 repeal and replace Public Law 2011, chapter 134.

Public Law 2011, chapter 134 requires the Secretary of State, at the request of an eligible applicant, to issue a driver's license or nondriver identification card to the applicant with a military service designation that identifies the applicant as a person actively serving in an enlisted grade of the United States Armed Forces or as a veteran of the United States Armed Forces. The law also requires the Secretary of State to determine the design and location on the license and nondriver identification card for the military service designation. Public Law 2011, chapter 134 did not go into effect before it was repealed by Public Law 2011, chapter 356 (LD 1313).

Public Law 2011, chapter 356 provides for a military service designation on driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards for all service members, not just those in an enlisted grade, and honorably discharged veterans. The law also requires the Secretary of State to determine the design and location on the license and nondriver identification card for the military service designation.

Public Law 2011, chapter 356 was enacted as an emergency measure; those sections of the law that provide for military service designation on driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards took effect on June 15, 2011 while all other sections, except for one, take effect 90 days after adjournment.