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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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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*

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**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.