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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 1123**

**An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws**

**PUBLIC 448**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA COLLINS	OTP-AM	H-291 S-355 ROSEN R

This bill makes it a Class E crime if, at a time when a person's inspection mechanic license is suspended or revoked pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1763, the person performs a state or federally approved motor vehicle inspection in order for a certificate of inspection or report to be issued by a 3rd party or issues a state or federally approved certificate of inspection or a report.

The bill permits Department of Labor motor vehicles operated by workplace safety inspectors to be equipped with auxiliary lights that emit an amber light.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-291)**

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-355)**

This amendment establishes a July 1, 2012 effective date for the provision concerning the performance of a motor vehicle inspection by a person with a suspended or revoked inspection mechanic license and removes the General Fund appropriation of \$3,132 in fiscal year 2011-12.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 448 makes it a Class E crime if, at a time when a person's inspection mechanic license is suspended or revoked, the person performs a state or federally-approved motor vehicle inspection in order for a certificate of inspection or report to be issued by a third party or issues a state or federally-approved certificate of inspection or a report. The law establishes an effective date of July 1, 2012 for this provision.

The law also permits Department of Labor motor vehicles operated by workplace safety inspectors to be equipped with auxiliary lights that emit amber light.

**LD 1124**

**An Act To Authorize the Use of Traffic Surveillance Cameras To Prove and Enforce Violations of Overtaking and Passing School Buses**

**Carried Over**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA COLLINS		

The bill allows a municipality, law enforcement agency or school administrative unit to enforce violations of overtaking and passing a school bus through the use of traffic surveillance cameras and automated license plate recognition systems that are attached to a school bus, and requires a fine imposed for a violation of overtaking and passing a school bus to accrue to the municipality in which the violation occurred.