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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 1219**

**Resolve, To Require the Department of Transportation To Designate the Park Street Bridge in the Town of Presque Isle the Gold Star Memorial Bridge**

**RESOLVE 37**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILLETTE M JACKSON	OTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to designate the bridge on Park Street in the Town of Presque Isle that crosses Presque Isle Stream the Gold Star Memorial Bridge in honor of those members of the Armed Forces of the United States who lost their lives in the performance of their duties.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 37 directs the Department of Transportation to designate the bridge on Park Street in the Town of Presque Isle that crosses Presque Isle Stream the Gold Star Memorial Bridge in honor of those members of the Armed Forces of the United States who lost their lives in the performance of their duties.

**LD 1247**

**An Act To Specifically Define Reasonable Operating Expenses for the Maine Turnpike Authority in Accordance with Its Enabling Act**

**ONTP**

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, chapter 24, which governs the operations, powers and duties of the Maine Turnpike Authority, to establish a budget for the operating expenses of the Maine Turnpike Authority as well as the use of revenue generated by the Maine Turnpike Authority.

**LD 1306**

**An Act Relating to Custom Vehicles**

**PUBLIC 139**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KNIGHT COLLINS	OTP-AM	H-200

This bill amends the definition of "antique auto" to include that the vehicle may be used for occasional personal use and that it may not have undergone a change in some of the component parts of the vehicle.

It amends the definition of "custom vehicle" by changing the number of years of age that would constitute a custom vehicle from 30 years to 25 years. It removes the weight limit of what constitutes a custom vehicle and indicates that the exemptions adopted by the Chief of the State Police apply to a custom vehicle.

The bill also directs the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles to invite the participation of