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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 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

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representatives of antique auto, street rod and custom vehicle organizations to review the affidavit that must be filed with the bureau when registering an antique auto, custom vehicle, horseless carriage or street rod and to report to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature with its findings.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-200)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment changes the definition of "custom vehicle" to include a motor vehicle that is at least 25 years old instead of at least 30 years old as in current law. The amendment also raises the weight limit for a custom vehicle from the current 6,000 pounds to 10,000 pounds. The amendment clarifies that a custom vehicle is subject to motor vehicle inspection standards except as provided by rules adopted by the Chief of the State Police, which provide certain exemptions for custom vehicles.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 139 changes the definition of "custom vehicle" to include a motor vehicle that is at least 25 years old. The law also raises the weight limit for a custom vehicle to 10,000 pounds. The law clarifies that a custom vehicle is subject to motor vehicle inspection standards except as provided by rules adopted by the Chief of the State Police, which provide certain exemptions for custom vehicles.

LD 1313 An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

**PUBLIC 356
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS	OTP-AM	S-192 S-218 COLLINS

This bill makes several changes to the motor vehicle laws. The bill:

1. Adds the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles detectives to the list of law enforcement personnel not required to disclose investigative information;
2. Clarifies the definition of "special mobile equipment";
3. Clarifies that a motor vehicle drawing a camp trailer is not registered for the gross weight;
4. Removes obsolete language relative to registering interstate buses;
5. Clarifies that tow dollies are not required to be registered;
6. Consolidates special equipment registration with trailer registration;
7. Increases the number of special veteran motorcycle registrations a qualified registrant may have from one to 3;
8. Clarifies that certain honorific veterans' plates are issued for no fee and for a gross weight up to 10,000 pounds;
9. Clarifies the requirement for a motor carrier of passengers receiving subsidies to file its vehicle equipment list with the Department of Transportation rather than the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles;
10. Adds "antique motorcycle" to the list of vehicles eligible for warranty titles;
11. Makes failure of a dealer to deliver a title to the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles a traffic infraction