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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.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

prepared at the direction of or kept in the custody of the criminal law enforcement unit of the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Office of Investigations are confidential;

- 2. Updates the authorized route in Van Buren for United States-Canada border weight permits;
- 3. Authorizes lobster registration plates for commercial motor vehicles;
- 4. Creates a registration plate for a person serving as an honorary consul;
- 5. Establishes a process for creating the classes of motorcycle and commercial vehicle plates for existing specialty plates with at least 10,000 active registrations;
- 6. Provides that special mobile equipment that is used exclusively on the closed portion of a public way for the limited purposes of constructing or repairing that public way and is transported by another vehicle to and from the construction project is exempt from registration;
- 7. Eliminates the one-time \$5 administrative fee for Purple Heart motor vehicle and motorcycle registration plates and veterans motorcycle registration plates;
- 8. Establishes a moratorium on dealer plate reduction and dealer license denial, specifies that the moratorium takes effect immediately and provides that the moratorium be in place until December 31, 2012; and
- 9. Repeals Public Law 2011, chapter 134 (see also LD 986) and provides for a military service designation on driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards for all service members and honorably discharged veterans.

Public Law 2011, chapter 356 was enacted as an emergency measure. Items 8 and 9 of this summary took effect June 15, 2011 while all other items take effect 90 days after adjournment.

LD 1319

An Act To Prohibit the Unwarranted Collection of Identifying Data of Motor Vehicles

ONTP

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

This bill prohibits a state, county or municipal employee from recording or retaining identifying data about a motor vehicle. The prohibition does not apply to the Department of Transportation if the recording or retaining of identifying data is conducted for the purposes of protecting public safety and transportation infrastructure, to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police if the recording or retaining of identifying data is conducted for the purposes of commercial motor vehicle screening and inspection or to a state, county or municipal law enforcement agency if the recording or retaining of identifying data is conducted to provide public safety, conduct criminal investigations or ensure compliance with local, state and federal laws.