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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

those approach signs to be 2-sided.

- 6. It allows changeable signs to change once per minute; current law limits the change to once every 20 minutes.
- 7. It allows a business or point of interest to have one changeable sign per public way that the business or point of interest abuts.
- 8. It allows time and temperature signs to also display the date and permits those signs to change as frequently as once every 2 seconds.
- 9. It allows for changeable signs to be erected adjacent to and for viewing from the interstate highway system.
- 10. It increases the maximum height of a freestanding sign structure statewide from 25 feet to 35 feet above grade.
- 11. It recognizes the value and the role of signs for disseminating information to the motoring public.
- 12. It allows for placement of signs by real estate brokerage agencies for the sale of real estate.

LD 1454 An Act To Allow Police Officers To Operate Mobile Command Units PUBLIC 165
without a Special License

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HASKELL BRANNIGAN	OTP-AM	H-226

This bill provides that law enforcement officers in the State are allowed to operate a commercial motor vehicle as a mobile command unit under the same allowance given to firefighters and operators of fire apparatus.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-226)

This amendment adds a definition of "mobile command unit," which is a motor vehicle designed and used by a law enforcement agency primarily as a command and control platform for emergency response.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 165 provides that law enforcement officers in the State are allowed to operate a commercial motor vehicle as a mobile command unit under the same allowance given to firefighters and operators of fire apparatus. This law also defines "mobile command unit" as a motor vehicle designed and used by a law enforcement agency primarily as a command and control platform for emergency response.

LD 1495 An Act To Allow 45 Days To Register a Newly Acquired Motor Vehicle ONTP

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

This bill changes the period of time of a motor vehicle temporary registration plate from 14 days to 45 days.