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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

LD 1512

An Act To Ensure That the State Is in Compliance with Certain Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations

PUBLIC 164

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

This bill requires a state police officer or a motor carrier inspector who has satisfactorily completed a prescribed course of instruction established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to investigate an alleged violation of federal safety regulations.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 164 authorizes a state police officer or a motor carrier inspector who has satisfactorily completed a prescribed course of instruction established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to investigate an alleged violation of federal safety regulations.

LD 1529

An Act Honoring Gold Star Families through Special Registration Plates

**PUBLIC 246
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MOULTON COLLINS	OTP-AM	H-355

This bill allows the Secretary of State to issue special gold star family registration plates for vehicles and motorcycles to certain family members eligible to receive gold star lapel buttons under 10 United States Code, Section 1126 (2010).

Committee Amendment "A" (H-355)

This amendment does the following.

1. It adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.
2. It strikes the provision that proposes to allow the Secretary of State to issue gold star family registration plates for motorcycles.
3. It strikes the requirement that the Secretary of State issue gold star family registration plates that are also vanity plates.
4. It specifies that an applicant may be issued gold star family registration plates for no more than one vehicle.
5. It provides that a single gold star family registration plate, which may not be attached to a motor vehicle and is issued for recognition purposes only, is provided at no fee.
6. It changes the date by which the Secretary of State must begin issuing gold star family registration plates from January 1, 2012 to October 1, 2011.
7. It provides that any donations received for gold star family registration plates be deposited into the Specialty