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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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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***

Transportation, an entity must make rail access available to all shippers within 50 miles of each other on a nondiscriminatory and equal basis, or allow any shipper to purchase full physical access and control of access to its own shipping docks for the same consideration paid by other shippers within 50 miles of that shipper;

2. An instrumentality of the State may not disburse funds for the upgrade, maintenance, purchase or lease of or any other purpose related to any railroad tracks until the Commissioner of Transportation has determined that the owner or operator of the railroad tracks has provided access to the railroad tracks to all shippers within 50 miles of each other on a nondiscriminatory and equal basis; and

3. A lease entered into after January 1, 2011 for the operation of rail service across railroad tracks owned by the State must be negotiated so as not to discriminate against or impose discrimination upon any entity doing business in the State that is served by those railroad tracks or served by railroad tracks immediately adjacent to those railroad tracks.

In addition, this bill imposes conditions on the expenditure or reimbursement of funds under the control of, or at the request of, the Department of Transportation as it relates to the purchase, pursuant to Public Law 2009, chapter 645, section 6, of railroad track in Aroostook County, known as the Aroostook Lines. The bill requires that the Department of Transportation and the Aroostook Lines operator provide quarterly reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters detailing the provision of progress in serving the businesses and communities of the northern part of the State, including both shippers and other interconnected transport facilities located in the State.

**LD 1549      Resolve, To Name the Main Street Bridge in Newport after Sergeant Donald Sidney Skidgel      **RESOLVE 52****

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

This resolve renames the Main Street Bridge in the Town of Newport the Donald Sidney Skidgel Memorial Bridge.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 52 renames the Main Street Bridge in the Town of Newport the Donald Sidney Skidgel Memorial Bridge.

**LD 1557      An Act To Raise the Speed Limit on Interstate 95 between the City of Old Town and the Town of Houlton      **PUBLIC 415****

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILLETTE A SHERMAN	OTP-AM	H-447

This bill raises the speed limit on Interstate 95 from 65 miles per hour to 75 miles per hour on the highway from the City of Old Town to the Town of Houlton.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-447)**

## *Joint Standing Committee on Transportation*

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2011, chapter 415 raises the speed limit on Interstate 95 from 65 miles per hour to 75 miles per hour on the highway from the City of Old Town to the Town of Houlton.