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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 Second 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.

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i>	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i>	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i> ...	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted private & special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of finally passed resolve</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature is Thursday, August 30, 2012. 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 1604 Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police To Review Motor Vehicle Inspection Rules ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN J THOMAS	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to review its rules governing motor vehicle inspection requirements regarding tire size, to solicit input from interested parties and to develop recommendations designed to eliminate unnecessary restrictions while maintaining necessary safety requirements. The resolve requires the bureau to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

LD 1611 Resolve, To Create a License Plate To Recognize the 2014 World Acadian Congress RESOLVE 156

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN J JACKSON	OTP-AM	H-742 S-437 COLLINS

This resolve creates a special commemorative, simulated motor vehicle registration plate in celebration of the 2014 World Acadian Congress. The Secretary of State is directed to design and issue the plate, which may be displayed through the end of 2015 in place of the front registration plate. Revenue generated by the sale of the plate in excess of the cost of production and issuance will be given to the Maine Acadian Heritage Council to help with the costs for hosting the 2014 World Acadian Congress.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-742)

This amendment directs the Secretary of State to issue the World Acadian Congress commemorative plate established in the resolve at no cost to the Secretary of State. The amendment also provides that the commemorative plate must bear the date of its expiration, which is December 31, 2015. The amendment specifies that the plate may be displayed in place of the front registration plate by covering, but not removing, the front registration plate. The amendment also directs the Secretary of State to develop a plan for the sale and distribution of the World Acadian Congress commemorative plates. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the resolve.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-437)

This amendment corrects the name of the organization, from the "Maine Acadian Heritage Council" as proposed in the bill to "Comite organisateur du Congres mondial acadien 2014," with which the Secretary of State must consult in the design of the special commemorative plate.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 156 creates a special commemorative, simulated motor vehicle registration plate in celebration of the 2014 World Acadian Congress.

The law directs the Secretary of State to:

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

1. Design the commemorative plate in consultation with the Comité organisateur du Congrès mondial acadien 2014;
2. Issue the plate, which may be displayed through the end of 2015 in place of the front registration plate by covering, but not removing, the front registration plate; and
3. Develop a plan for the sale and distribution of the World Acadian Congress commemorative plates.

LD 1615 Resolve, To Name Two Bridges in the Town of Harmony

**RESOLVE 115
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THOMAS	OTP-AM	S-374

This resolve names the bridge on State Route 150 that crosses Higgins Stream in the Town of Harmony the Amy, Monica and Coty Lake Bridge and names the bridge on State Route 154 that crosses the Sebasticook River at Mainstream in the Town of Harmony the Remember Me Bridge.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-374)

This amendment:

1. Adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the resolve;
2. Clarifies that the bridge on State Route 150 that crosses Higgins Stream in the Town of Harmony is to be designated as the Amy, Coty and Monica Bridge; and
3. Includes the Department of Transportation number designations of the bridges to be renamed.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 115 names the bridge on State Route 150 that crosses Higgins Stream in the Town of Harmony the Amy, Coty and Monica Bridge and names the bridge on State Route 154 that crosses the Sebasticook River at Mainstream in the Town of Harmony the Remember Me Bridge.

Resolve 2011, chapter 115 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective February 21, 2012.

**LD 1617 An Act To Authorize the Commissioner of Transportation To Allow
Certain Vehicles To Operate on the Interstate System**

**PUBLIC 482
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SCHNEIDER	OTP-AM	S-376

This bill allows the Commissioner of Transportation to adopt rules to ensure that the federal exemption allowing trucks with a maximum gross vehicle weight of 100,000 pounds on Maine's interstate system is implemented correctly.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-376)