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STATE OF MAINE  
125<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 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.

<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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted private &amp; 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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*

### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-398)**

This amendment, which is the majority report, strikes and replaces the bill with a resolve and removes the emergency preamble, emergency clause and one-time General Fund appropriation of \$300,000 in fiscal year 2011-12 to the Department of Transportation to cover the costs associated with an independent feasibility study of an east-west highway.

The amendment directs the Department of Transportation to facilitate and oversee an independent feasibility study of an east-west highway and to report the study findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by January 15, 2013.

### **House Amendment "B" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-805)**

This amendment provides that, upon obtaining final authorization to construct an east-west highway, the developer must reimburse the Department of Transportation for the cost of the independent traffic and revenue analysis.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2011, chapter 147 directs the Department of Transportation to facilitate and oversee an independent feasibility study of an east-west highway and to report the study findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by January 15, 2013.

The law also provides that, upon obtaining final authorization to construct an east-west highway, the developer must reimburse the Department of Transportation for the cost of the independent traffic and revenue analysis.

### **LD 1672      An Act To Allow Disabled Veterans To Receive 2 Sets of Special Designating License Plates      ONTP**

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

This bill allows a disabled veteran to receive 2 sets of special designating license plates if the veteran is the registered owner of 2 motor vehicles.

### **LD 1677      An Act To Modernize Maine's Motor Vehicle Inspection Program      ONTP**

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

This bill, which is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes to modernize the motor vehicle inspection program by adopting an electronic inspection program.