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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.

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LD 1807 Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority To Place Signs on Interstate 95 Directing Motorists to the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Springvale RESOLVE 127

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COURTNEY	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	

This resolve directs the Maine Turnpike Authority to place signs directing motorists to the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Springvale on the portion of Interstate 95 designated as the Maine Turnpike on the northbound and southbound lanes of the highway.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2011, chapter 127 directs the Maine Turnpike Authority to place signs directing motorists to the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Springvale on the portion of Interstate 95 designated as the Maine Turnpike on the northbound and southbound lanes of the highway.

LD 1808 An Act To Exempt from the Prohibition against Text Messaging While Driving Emergency Personnel Who Are Acting in the Course of Their Duties ONTP

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

This bill provides an exemption to the prohibition against text messaging while operating a motor vehicle for emergency medical services' persons, firefighters and law enforcement officers acting in the course of their duties.

LD 1896 An Act To Provide a Temporary Registration Permit to Certain Members of the Armed Forces PUBLIC 605

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVIELLO	OTP-AM	S-498

This bill authorizes the Secretary of State to provide a temporary registration plate to a member of the United States Armed Forces to operate a motor vehicle or trailer for 30 days if that service member has recently returned to the State from a deployment outside the continental United States.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-498)

This amendment authorizes the Secretary of State to provide a temporary registration permit, instead of a temporary registration plate, to a member of the United States Armed Forces to operate a motor vehicle or trailer for 30 days if that service member has returned to the State from a deployment outside the continental United States. The amendment gives the Secretary of State discretion on whether to adopt rules to establish the application criteria. The

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amendment also removes the fee requirement.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2011, chapter 605 authorizes the Secretary of State to provide a temporary registration permit to a member of the United States Armed Forces to operate a motor vehicle or trailer for 30 days if that service member has returned to the State from a deployment outside the continental United States. The law gives the Secretary of State discretion whether to adopt rules to establish the application criteria.

LD 1907 An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2012 and June 30, 2013

**PUBLIC 649
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA COLLINS	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-931

Part A makes appropriations and allocations.

Part B makes allocations of funds for approved reclassifications.

Part C increases the attrition rate for fiscal year 2012-13 from 5% to 6% for executive branch departments and agencies and the judicial branch. It also requires the State Budget Officer to calculate the savings in Part A that result from attrition and to transfer the savings by financial order upon approval of the Governor.

Part D requires the State Budget Officer to calculate the savings from a decrease in charges made by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Division of Financial and Personnel Services for its services and to transfer those savings by financial order upon the approval of the Governor.

Part E does the following:

1. It renames the State Transit, Aviation and Rail Transportation Fund, or STAR, program the Multimodal Transportation program and changes the program from an enterprise fund program to an Other Special Revenue Funds program.
2. It repeals a provision that required the annual transfer of \$100,000 in gasoline tax revenue from the Highway Fund to the STAR program.
3. It renames several programs within the Department of Transportation as follows: the Administration - Aeronautics program is renamed the Multimodal - Aviation program; the Railroad Assistance Program is renamed the Multimodal - Freight program; the Marine Highway Transportation program is renamed the Multimodal - Island Ferry Service program; the Ports and Marine Transportation program is renamed the Multimodal - Ports and Marine program; and the Public Transportation program is renamed the Multimodal - Transit program.
4. It creates a new program, the Multimodal - Passenger Rail program.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-931)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee and it replaces the bill.