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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<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* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 126<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 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature is October 9, 2013. 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 324      An Act To Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013**

**PUBLIC 42  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT COLLINS	OTP-AM	H-6

Part A makes appropriations and allocations of funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

Part B makes allocations of funds for approved reclassifications.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-6)**

This amendment strikes and replaces Parts A and B.

This amendment adds to the bill the following:

1. A Highway Fund allocation of \$2,000,000 to the Highway and Bridge Capital program for capital projects;
2. A Highway Fund allocation of \$213,160 to the Urban-Rural Initiative Program;
3. The recognition of \$155,809 in Highway Fund Personal Services savings from vacancies within the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police; and
4. An Island Ferry Services Fund allocation of \$450,000 to the Multimodal - Island Ferry Service program for increased repairs and fuel costs.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 42 does the following:

1. A Highway Fund allocation of \$2,000,000 to the Highway and Bridge Capital program for capital projects;
2. A Highway Fund allocation of \$213,160 to the Urban-Rural Initiative Program;
3. The recognition of \$155,809 in Highway Fund Personal Services savings from vacancies within the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police; and
4. An Island Ferry Services Fund allocation of \$450,000 to the Multimodal - Island Ferry Service program for increased repairs and fuel costs.

Public Law 2013, chapter 42 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2013.

**LD 327      An Act To Allow Media Motor Vehicles To Be Equipped with Amber Auxiliary Lights**

**DIED BETWEEN  
HOUSES**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T THERIAULT	ONTP OTP	

## *Joint Standing Committee on Transportation*

This bill allows a media company vehicle to be equipped with amber auxiliary lights and to use those lights only if that vehicle is at an accident site on a public way.

**LD 332      Resolve, To Direct the Department of Transportation To Provide Signs on Interstate 95, on Interstate 395 and in the City of Brewer for the Underground Railroad Memorial at Chamberlain Freedom Park      **DIED BETWEEN HOUSES****

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL R	ONTP OTP-AM	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to provide signs on Interstate 95, on Interstate 395 and in the City of Brewer to inform travelers of the Underground Railroad Memorial at Chamberlain Freedom Park.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-23)**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and adds an appropriations and allocations section to the resolve.

**LD 342      An Act To Waive Driver's License and Nondriver Identification Card Fees for Current and Recently Discharged Members of the Armed Forces      **PUBLIC 51****

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILSON PLUMMER	OTP-AM	H-34

This bill eliminates the driver's license fee or nondriver identification card fee for a person who is currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. It also eliminates the driver's license fee or nondriver identification card fee for a person who has served in the United States Armed Forces and who has been discharged or released within 2 years of the person's discharge or release.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-34)**

This amendment changes the amount of time within which a person released or discharged from the United State Armed Forces may obtain a driver's license or nondriver identification card without paying a fee from 2 years as proposed in the bill to 180 days.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Under current law, a resident who is serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces and is otherwise qualified to operate a motor vehicle is exempt from the driver's license fee. Public Law 2013, chapter 51 also eliminates the fee for a nondriver identification card for a person who is currently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Under current law, the exemption from the payment of a fee for a license remains in effect for a period of 30 days after discharge or release from the Armed Forces. Public Law 2013, chapter 51 extends this period to 180 days after discharge or release from the Armed Forces. This exemption from the payment of a fee also applies to the nondriver identification card for a person recently discharged or release from the Armed Forces.