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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 126th 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 126th 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 362 **An Act To Prohibit Use of Public Funds for a Private Transportation Study** **ONTP**

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

This bill prohibits the use of Department of Transportation funds to pay for a traffic and revenue study or finance plan in connection with a proposal for a transportation facility made by a private entity.

LD 363 **An Act To Improve Safety on Railroad Rights-of-way** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHNSON C THERIAULT	ONTP	

This bill expands the prohibition on being on or crossing a railroad track or bridge by including railroad rights-of-way and persons crossing at other than designated crossing locations. This bill also increases the civil penalty and clarifies liability for a person being on or crossing a railroad track or right-of-way and makes repeat violations and colliding with a train or railroad equipment crimes.

LD 371 **Resolve, Regarding Revenue from the World Acadian Congress Commemorative Registration Plate** **RESOLVE 4
EMERGENCY**

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

This resolve amends Resolve 2011, chapter 156, which authorized the sale of World Acadian Congress commemorative simulated registration plates, to provide the correct fiscal agent for the entity that is the beneficiary of the revenue, less costs, from the sale of the plates. Because the plates have been on sale since December 2012, the change in the name is made retroactive to the effective date of the authorizing resolve.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 4 amends Resolve 2011, chapter 156, which authorized the sale of World Acadian Congress commemorative simulated registration plates, to provide the correct fiscal agent for the entity that is the beneficiary of the revenue, less costs, from the sale of the plates. Because the plates have been on sale since December 2012, the change in the name is made retroactive to the effective date of the authorizing resolve.

Resolve 2013, chapter 4 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 9, 2013.

LD 403 **Resolve, To Establish a Task Force on the Establishment of So-called Complete Streets Design Guidelines** **ONTP**

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