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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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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 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	

***Joint Standing Committee on Transportation***

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Transportation to establish a task force to develop so-called complete streets design guidelines to apply whenever state or federal funds are used to build or reconstruct a road or bridge and to develop a statewide policy designed to enable the delivery of cost-effective, sustainable and customer-focused transportation services that will meet the current and future needs of the State.

**LD 404      An Act To Exempt Snowmobile Clubs from Certain Department of Transportation Sign Requirements      ONTP**

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

This bill adds directional signs of a snowmobile club affiliated with a statewide nonprofit association established for the purpose of promoting snowmobiling to the list of categorical signs that may be erected and maintained without a license or permit.

**LD 405      An Act To Increase Municipal Agent Fees for Licensing and Registration of Motor Vehicles      VETO SUSTAINED**

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

This bill increases the motor vehicle licensing and registration service fees that may be assessed, collected and retained by municipalities. The allowable service fee for the renewal of a license or registration is increased from \$3 to \$5, and the allowable service fee for the issuance of a new license or registration is increased from \$4 to \$6.

**LD 406      An Act To Require Antique Automobiles That Are Operated on the Highways To Be Inspected      ONTP**

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

Current law exempts antique autos from motor vehicle inspections. This bill requires antique autos to be inspected based upon standards determined by the Chief of the State Police.

**LD 407      Resolve, Relating to Guide Signs on Highways      RESOLVE 14**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON R MASON G	OTP-AM	H-39

This resolve directs the Maine Turnpike Authority to place directional signs for Oxford Casino in the Town of Oxford on the Maine Turnpike at the northbound and southbound exits of the highway that are located closest to Oxford Casino and directs Oxford Casino to assume all costs associated with the signs.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-39)**