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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

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)

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

This amendment, which strikes and replaces the resolve, directs the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority to develop a proposed policy and specifications relating to guide signs on all roads open to public travel after an update to the national standards for guide signs during the summer of 2013. The department and the authority are directed to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than January 15, 2014. The amendment also gives the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation authority to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 14 directs the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority to develop a proposed policy and specifications relating to guide signs on all roads open to public travel after an update to the national standards for guide signs during the summer of 2013. The department and the authority are directed to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than January 15, 2014. The law also gives the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation authority to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

LD 429 An Act To Authorize a GARVEE Bond for the Repair of Deficient ONTP
Arterial State Highways and Bridges

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

This bill authorizes the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to issue \$80,000,000 in federally authorized grant anticipation revenue vehicle debt financing instruments, GARVEE bonds, to be repaid with federal highway funds, the proceeds of which will be used by the Department of Transportation to address the worst deficiencies on Priority 1 and Priority 2 roads and bridges. This bill is consistent with the 2011 statutory goal to improve by 2022 all Priority 1 and Priority 2 corridors so that their safety, condition and serviceability customer service levels equal Fair or better.

LD 438 An Act To Add Trailers to the Additional Versions or Classes of a PUBLIC 66
Specialty Plate

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T	OTP-AM	S-28

This bill expands the types of vehicles on which a special sportsman registration plate may be displayed to include motorcycles and trailers.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-28)

This amendment, which replaces the bill, provides that the Secretary of State may issue a specialty plate in a trailer plate class if at least 10,000 sets of the specialty plate have been issued for automobiles and pickup trucks and the sponsor of the proposed new specialty plate class provides a list of 500 supporters and corresponding \$25 contribution for each set of plates, in the amount of \$12,500, to the Secretary of State. If these requirements are met, current law provides that the Secretary of State is required to prepare enabling legislation and a proposed plate design for submission to the Legislature and to deposit the \$12,500 in the Specialty Plate Fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 66 provides that the Secretary of State may issue a specialty plate in a trailer plate class if at least 10,000 sets of the specialty plate have been issued for automobiles and pickup trucks and the sponsor of the proposed new specialty plate class provides a list of 500 supporters and corresponding \$25 contribution for each set of plates, in the amount of \$12,500, to the Secretary of State.