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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*

law.

**LD 654 An Act Regarding the Maximum Rate of Speed on the Interstate Highway System**

**PUBLIC 107**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHENETTE VALENTINO	OTP-AM	H-64

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to raise the speed limit on the Interstate Highway System on Interstate 295 from the Town of Scarborough to the Town of West Gardiner to 75 miles per hour.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-64)**

This amendment, which strikes and replaces the bill, authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to raise the speed limit on the Interstate Highway System to 75 miles per hour.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 107 authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to raise the speed limit on the Interstate Highway System to 75 miles per hour.

**LD 655 An Act To Amend or Repeal Outdated or Underutilized Laws Related to Transportation**

**PUBLIC 36**

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

This bill repeals the law establishing the Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund and sections relating to that fund, a requirement for retention of part of the contract price and settlement of claims by subcontractors, the transportation planning incentives funding program and the requirement that the Department of Transportation provide financial assistance through interest-free loans to certain water and sewer utilities affected by department highway and bridges projects.

The bill also repeals the law establishing the arterial and major collector highway capital projects program and several statutory sections authorizing and directing the Commissioner of Transportation to establish standards for and oversee the safety of certain railroad equipment, infrastructure and operations.

The bill reduces the membership of the freight transportation advisory council from 20 members to 9 members, consolidates and simplifies terms describing mandatory qualifications of the members and adds a membership category to include a person with experience in general manufacturing.

The bill removes the Waldo-Hancock Bridge, which no longer exists, from the list of historic bridges for which the State is financially liable, and it clarifies that all hearings, notices, reviews and orders under the Maine Aeronautics Act must comply with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 36 repeals the law establishing the Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund and sections relating to that fund, a requirement for retention of part of the contract price and settlement of claims by subcontractors, the transportation planning incentives funding program and the requirement that the Department of Transportation provide financial assistance through interest-free loans to certain water and sewer utilities affected