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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 bill makes van-accessible handicapped parking spaces with an access aisle that are labeled as van-accessible available only to vans or vehicles adapted for use of a van-accessible parking space. It also increases the penalty range for violations of parking in access aisles from \$200 to \$500 to \$300 to \$600.

LD 943

An Act To Amend Provisions of the Law Pertaining to Motor Vehicles

PUBLIC 112

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAZUREK PARRY	OTP-AM	S-40

This bill amends various provisions of the motor vehicle laws.

It provides that a person who violates the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, chapter 256 pertaining to the transport of hazardous materials, or a rule adopted pursuant to that chapter, commits a Class D crime, unless the violation is discovered during a routine compliance review. If the violation is discovered during a routine compliance review, the violation is a civil violation.

It amends the definition of "motor vehicle" to clarify that the term means a self-propelled vehicle not operated exclusively on railroad tracks.

It repeals the definition of "team" in Title 29-A, section 101.

It creates the traffic infraction of failing to properly register a motor vehicle as to its current actual use or motor vehicle type.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-40)

This amendment adds a the definition of "not properly registered" and includes an example relating to antique autos.

The amendment also provides that the Chief Judge of the District Court may approve for use an electronic Violation Summons and Complaint form.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 112 amends various provisions of the motor vehicle laws.

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