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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.

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for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2014 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

LD 985 Resolve, To Repeal the Requirement That the Department of Transportation Facilitate a Feasibility Study of an East-west Highway and Provide for Public Access to Certain Documents

RESOLVE 41

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAZUREK	OTP-AM	S-78

This resolve repeals Resolve 2011, chapter 147, "Resolve, To Require the Department of Transportation To Facilitate and Oversee a Study of the Feasibility of an East-west Highway." This resolve specifies that any documents created in connection with Resolve 2011, chapter 147 are public documents and are not confidential. This resolve also prohibits the department from seeking reimbursement for any study conducted pursuant to Resolve 2011, chapter 147.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-78)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 41 repeals Resolve 2011, chapter 147, "Resolve, To Require the Department of Transportation To Facilitate and Oversee a Study of the Feasibility of an East-west Highway." This law specifies that any documents created in connection with Resolve 2011, chapter 147 are public documents and are not confidential. It also prohibits the department from seeking reimbursement for any study conducted pursuant to Resolve 2011, chapter 147.

LD 999 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Seek Funding To Complete a Design and Engineering Assessment for the Extension of Passenger Rail Service from Portland North on the State-owned St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway Corridor

RESOLVE 31

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CRAVEN RUSSELL	OTP-AM ONTP	S-48

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to fund or seek funding to provide engineering and design work necessary to qualify the state-owned St. Lawrence and Atlantic railway corridor, from Portland to the Auburn city line, for federal capital investment funding consistent with the passenger rail service investments evaluated and proposed in the Department of Transportation's 2011 "Portland North Alternative Modes Transportation Project" study. The department shall report back to the Legislature with information regarding funding on or before December 15, 2013.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-48)

This amendment, which is the majority report, strikes the requirement that the Department of Transportation fund the engineering and design work necessary to qualify the state-owned St. Lawrence and Atlantic railway corridor, from Portland to the Auburn city line, for federal capital investment funding consistent with the passenger rail service investments evaluated and proposed in the Department of Transportation's 2011 "Portland North Alternative Modes Transportation Project" study. The amendment also strikes the requirement that the department report to the Legislature with information regarding funding on or before December 15, 2013.

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Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2013, chapter 31 directs the Department of Transportation to seek funding to provide engineering and design work necessary to qualify the state-owned St. Lawrence and Atlantic railway corridor, from Portland to the Auburn city line, for federal capital investment funding consistent with the passenger rail service investments evaluated and proposed in the Department of Transportation's 2011 "Portland North Alternative Modes Transportation Project" study.

LD 1075 An Act To Allow Motorists To Proceed through an Intersection after Stopping for a Red Light ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LOCKMAN MASON G	ONTP	

This bill allows a vehicle to proceed straight through or turn right or left after stopping at a red light if conditions allow and if there is no sign indicating it is prohibited.

LD 1076 An Act To Allow for the Equalization of Truck Weights between Maine and Canada for Limited Use at the Border Crossings CARRIED OVER

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

This bill establishes new authorized routes from the United States-Canada border in Van Buren, Limestone and Fort Fairfield to a value-added wood processing facility in Limestone and from the United States-Canada border in Calais to the Port of Eastport for certain commercial vehicles at Canadian gross vehicle weight limits. The bill also increases the allowable gross vehicle weight for a 3-axle truck tractor with a 3-axle semitrailer by 100 pounds to 109,000 pounds.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 126th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1145, as amended by H-B (H-580) and H-C (H-582).

LD 1168 Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study How To Improve Maine's Transportation Infrastructure ONTP

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

This resolve establishes the Commission To Study How To Improve Maine's Transportation Infrastructure. The commission has 15 members and is required to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by December 4, 2013.