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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*

6. Specify that the cap on the assessment of 1% of an owner's property valuation means the property valuation as determined by the municipality in which the property is located;
7. Remove the requirement that the assessment be collected in the same manner as town taxes and the imposition of a duty, and the corresponding liability for neglect of duty, on the commissioner or board of the road association for the collection of the assessment; and
8. Specify that the road association's commissioner or board may bring a civil action to enforce an assessment and specify the procedures and requirements for filing such an action.

### **LD 1365     An Act To Promote New Models of Mobility and Access to Transportation**

**CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill amends the Department of Transportation's biennial operations plan for transit process in order to promote and facilitate new models of mobility and service. The bill adds a declaration of policy to the public transportation administration law. The bill also provides components that must be included in the department's biennial operations plan for transit and describes how the department's plan for transit must be implemented.

The bill eliminates the Interagency Transportation Coordinating Committee and replaces it with a larger, more comprehensive Maine Public Transit Advisory Council. The role of the council is to advise the Legislature and the department regarding strategic planning for public transportation services in the State.

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 1371     An Act To Exempt New Cars from Motor Vehicle Inspection for 2 Years Following the Initial Purchase**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAUCIER JACKSON T	ONTP	

This bill provides that a new motor vehicle, except a commercial motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, that has had an inspection is not required to have another inspection until 2 years from the last day of the month in which it was initially registered.

### **LD 1372     An Act Relating to Proof of Citizenship for Renewal of a Driver's License or Nondriver Identification Card**

**PUBLIC 163**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAUCIER JACKSON T	OTP-AM	H-179

This bill prohibits the Secretary of State from requiring a birth certificate or other documentation to prove the citizenship of a person renewing a driver's license issued by the State.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-179)**

## *Joint Standing Committee on Transportation*

This amendment, which strikes and replaces the bill, provides that the Secretary of State may exempt a person who was born before December 1, 1964 or who has continuously held a Maine nondriver identification card or Maine driver's license since December 31, 1989 from the requirement of providing documentation to establish citizenship when that person is renewing a driver's license or that person is renewing or being issued a nondriver identification card.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 163 provides that the Secretary of State may exempt a person who was born before December 1, 1964 or who has continuously held a Maine nondriver identification card or Maine driver's license since December 31, 1989 from the requirement of providing documentation to establish citizenship when that person is renewing a driver's license or that person is renewing or being issued a nondriver identification card.

### **LD 1382      An Act To Provide Toll Discounts to Maine Commuters on the Maine Turnpike      ONTP**

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

This bill amends the laws governing the establishment of the rates of tolls on the Maine Turnpike as follows.

1. It restores language that was repealed in Public Law 2011, chapter 476 requiring that the system of commuter discounts established by the Maine Turnpike Authority provide passenger vehicles with reduced rates that do not exceed 50% of the normal passenger vehicle toll.
2. It requires that the rate of toll be based on the number of miles traveled.
3. It requires that, prior to implementing toll revisions, the authority must submit its proposed revisions to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters and authorizes the committee to submit legislation to the Legislature authorizing, rejecting or modifying the authority's proposed revisions.

### **LD 1392      An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws      PUBLIC 381**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAZUREK THERIAULT	OTP-AM	S-133 S-323 MAZUREK

The bill does the following.

Part A of the bill:

1. Removes the provision of law that allows the Secretary of State to issue vanity plates for radio plates as these plates now qualify as vanity plates;
2. Changes the headnote for the provision governing antique vehicle plates to "hobbyist registration plates";
3. Increases the fee for the Purple Heart motorcycle vanity plate from \$15 to \$25;
4. Removes the one-mile restriction on dealer secondary locations;