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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*

Part K authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to enter into financing arrangements in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police.

Part L authorizes the State Controller to transfer amounts exceeding \$100,000 from the unallocated balance in the Highway Fund, after all commitments, to the Highway and Bridge Capital, Highway and Bridge Light Capital and Maintenance and Operations programs within the Department of Transportation for capital needs.

Part M allows the transfer of Personal Services savings to the Highway and Bridge Capital, Highway and Bridge Light Capital and Maintenance and Operations programs within the Department of Transportation for capital or All Other needs.

Part N provides for a \$50,000,000 GARVEE bond for the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge. It also amends Public Law 2011, chapter 610 to provide that financial arrangements with New Hampshire must provide that the financial liability of the State not be substantially greater than the March 1, 2011 agreement. It also provides that the Department of Transportation will submit proposed legislation to reestablish the Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

Part O requires the Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a plan to reduce the cost of the state cost-share program for salt and sand storage facilities under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1851 and to end the program within a certain number of years. The Department of Transportation is required to submit the plan, with recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than January 17, 2014. The committee has authority to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

Public Law 2013, chapter 354 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 26, 2013.

**LD 1484**

**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Weight Tolerance for Certain Vehicles**

**PUBLIC 195  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WILLETTE SHERMAN	OTP	S-120 MAZUREK

Current law allows a 4-axle single-unit vehicle registered as a farm truck and hauling potatoes a tolerance weight of 64,000 pounds until October 1, 2013. This bill removes the date restriction.

**Senate Amendment "A" (S-120)**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Current law allows a 4-axle single-unit vehicle registered as a farm truck and hauling potatoes a tolerance weight of 64,000 pounds until October 1, 2013. Public Law 2013, chapter 195 removes the date restriction.

Public Law 2013, chapter 195 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 4, 2013.