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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILLS AND SUMMARIES OF ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* provides the disposition of all LDs and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular Session of the 131st Maine Legislature. Please note that all LDs and proposed amendments may be found through the Legislature's webpage, and each includes a summary of what the bill or amendment proposed.

The *Legislative Digest of Bills and Summaries of Enacted Laws* is arranged alphabetically by committee. Within each committee section is a subject index of all LDs considered by that committee as well as a digest of the LDs, arranged by LD number. Also included are enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed. Brief analyst notes on certain LDs are also included: a committee digest will indicate if additional notes are provided for an LD. These notes add information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this *Digest*; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance. A separate section of the *Digest* provides a digest of the relatively few LDs that were not referred to a committee or reported from a committee as a committee bill; enacted law summaries of the LDs enacted or finally passed are provided. Finally, an appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

The final disposition of each LD is noted in the relevant summary digest and index. 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 Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature is Friday, August 9, 2024. 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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LD 2072 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Motor Vehicles

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 634 amends various sections of statute regarding motor vehicles in Title 29-A of the Maine Revised Statutes in the following ways.

1. It amends the definition of “antique auto” to include an automobile that is more than 35 years old or is less than 35 years of age and more than 25 years of age and was registered in the State as an antique vehicle prior to January 2025.
2. It amends the definition of “antique motorcycle” to include a motorcycle that is more than 35 years old or is less than 35 years of age and more than 25 years of age and was registered in the State as an antique motorcycle prior to January 2025.
3. It eliminates the provision that allows a person during a nonplate issue year to reserve an unexpired registration plate number for more than six months.
4. It clarifies that specialty plate sponsors registering with the Secretary of State after the specialty plate moratorium must be affiliated with a state department.
5. It eliminates the authority of the Secretary of State to issue unassigned temporary registration permits to licensed vehicle auction businesses.
6. It clarifies that a set of disabled veteran plates are an option for a veteran who has lost both legs or the use of both legs when the veteran receives a registration fee and excise tax exemption.
7. It clarifies that the Secretary of State may issue a registration certificate and special designating plates for more than one vehicle owned by certain disabled veterans.
8. It allows for the issuance of titles for semitrailers no more than 25 years of age.
9. It requires titles issued to motor vehicles over 25 years of age to be warranty titles in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 651, subsection 3.
10. It allows a first lienholder participating in the electronic lien titling program to request that a paper certificate of title or salvage be printed and mailed to an alternate address.
11. It requires that all fines and fees related to dealer licensing be paid for a dealer license to be issued or retained.
12. It requires dealers to post their document preparation fees on all vehicles.
13. It allows a licensed towing business to be issued transporter plates and a license to transport a vehicle owned by or in the custody of that owner or business.

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14. It requires dealers to maintain a copy of any purchase and sale agreements for a minimum of five years.
15. It clarifies that specific dealer plates may be used only for that type of vehicle.
16. It clarifies the type of large four-wheel drive trucks that may be operated with an equipment dealer plate.
17. It eliminates the requirement that records of vehicles sold by vehicle auction businesses be submitted to the Secretary of State.
18. It requires that all fines and fees related to dealer and recycler licensing be paid for a recycler license to be issued or retained.
19. It prohibits a person who is not a recycler from operating a business that deals in the sale of catalytic converters that have been removed from motor vehicles.
20. It requires the Secretary of State to use the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's drug and alcohol clearinghouse when issuing, upgrading, renewing or transferring a commercial driver's license or learner's permit.
21. It allows the Secretary of State to accept a recently expired United States passport as proof of legal presence for United States citizens when issuing a driver's license.
22. It increases the length of time a motorcycle rider education instructor license is valid.
23. It clarifies that the owner of a driver education school must file with the Secretary of State a certificate showing that each vehicle used during driving instruction is covered by certain insurance policies.
24. It allows the Secretary of State to accept a recently expired United States passport as proof of legal presence for United States citizens when issuing a nondriver identification card.
25. It clarifies that a dealer may transport an uninspected vehicle to an automobile auction or another licensed vehicle dealer as long as it is safe to operate on a public way.
26. It expands the type of medical professionals that may provide a certificate to exempt a person from seatbelt requirements.
27. It eliminates the requirement for a school bus operator endorsement for drivers of a multifunction school activity bus and provides that the driver must be at least 21 years of age and have held a driver's license for at least two years.