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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 Second Regular Session of the 127th 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. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

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 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 127th Legislature is July 29, 2016. 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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the 128th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report. The amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

LD 1468 **Resolve, To Improve the Safety of Ferries in the State**

RESOLVE 86

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D KINNEY J	OTP-AM	S-374 S-483 COLLINS R

This bill amends the membership of the Maine State Ferry Advisory Board and requires the board to review Department of Transportation policies related to the Maine State Ferry Service prior to implementation. The bill requires the Department of Transportation to implement recommendations contained in the "Maine State Ferry Service, MaineDOT, Operational Safety Assessment (OSA) Report" dated April 4, 2008. The bill also requires the Department of Transportation to adopt rules in connection with the Maine State Ferry Service regarding staffing levels and duties, transportation of hazardous materials, transportation of medical samples, customer service and crew stations and duties.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-374)

This amendment, which replaces the bill with a resolve, strikes from the bill provisions amending the membership of the Maine State Ferry Advisory Board within the Department of Transportation.

The amendment also strikes from the bill the requirement that the Department of Transportation implement recommendations contained in the report titled "Maine State Ferry Service, MaineDOT, Operational Safety Assessment (OSA) Report" and dated April 4, 2008. Instead, the amendment requires the Department of Transportation to execute a peer review assessment of Maine State Ferry Service processes to evaluate safety procedures and marine operations of the Maine State Ferry Service. The amendment requires the Department of Transportation to submit a report with the results of the peer review assessment to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters no later than February 1, 2017.

The amendment revises the provisions in the bill relating to rulemaking. The amendment strikes the requirement that the Department of Transportation adopt rules relating to the Maine State Ferry Service regarding staffing levels and duties, transportation of hazardous materials and standard operating procedures relating to crew stations and duties. The amendment retains the requirement that the Department of Transportation adopt rules relating to the Maine State Ferry Service regarding transportation of medical samples and customer service and adds training to the rule-making requirement. The amendment requires the Department of Transportation to report on the progress of its rulemaking to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters no later than February 1, 2017.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-483)

This amendment strikes and replaces the appropriations and allocations section and increases the allocations from the Island Ferry Services Fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 86 requires the Department of Transportation to execute a peer review assessment of Maine State Ferry Service processes to evaluate safety procedures and marine operations of the Maine State Ferry Service. This law requires the Department of Transportation to submit a report with the results of the peer review assessment to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters no later than February 1, 2017.

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This law also requires that the Department of Transportation adopt rules relating to the Maine State Ferry Service regarding customer service, training and transportation of medical samples. It requires the Department of Transportation to report on the progress of its rulemaking to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters no later than February 1, 2017.

LD 1483 An Act To Amend Maine's Motor Vehicle Laws

**PUBLIC 473
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS R MCLEAN A	OTP-AM	S-367 S-512 HAMPER J

This bill amends the motor vehicle laws as follows.

1. It clarifies that a combination vehicle may include a truck-trailer configuration.
2. It allows municipal agents to issue registrations for pickup trucks up to 10,000 pounds rather than the current 9,000-pound limit.
3. It amends the vehicle registration laws to require registration information on a motor vehicle's motive power for vehicles that do not use motor fuels, such as electric vehicles.
4. It makes clear that a registration plate may not be obscured by a plate frame or covering or other device that prevents the plate from being read.
5. It repeals the authorization for truck and truck tractor lobster registration plates and farm truck agriculture education registration plates.
6. It removes the word "commercial" from the laws regarding registration of trucks and truck tractors so as to include trucks and truck tractors that are used privately.
7. It removes an obsolete requirement that an agent who issues temporary registered gross weight increases be either a municipal tax collector or town or city manager.
8. It corrects a discrepancy regarding the maximum length of time for which a permanent disability parking placard may be issued. The limit is six years.
9. It requires antique autos and antique motorcycles manufactured after 1991 to be subject to a biennial inspection.
10. It removes the word "commercial" from the laws regarding the operation of a vehicle exceeding its registered weight.
11. It amends the definition of "related entity" to include a domestic partner in the provision regarding suspension or revocation of the license or authority to engage in a business or commercial activity under the motor vehicle major offenses laws.
12. It removes the requirement for a noncommercial driver education school to obtain a surety bond if the school offers driver education as a course credit and does not charge a fee for the driver education course.
13. It repeals the provision of law that allows a person who is at least 15 years of age to obtain a special restricted license under certain conditions without having held a permit for a period of six months.