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127<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 Second Regular Session of the 127<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. 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 127<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Joint Standing Committee on Transportation*

Public Law 2015, chapter 473 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 15, 2016.

**LD 1507      An Act To Authorize a Person Whose Operator's License Is Suspended Due to Failure To Pay Child Support To Drive to and from a Place of Employment      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KINNEY M EDGECOMB P	ONTP	

Current law requires the Secretary of State to suspend the driver's license of a person who violates a court order of financial support upon certification of that violation by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. A person may request the commissioner issue a conditional release to the Secretary of State, who may provide the person with a temporary license valid for a period not to exceed 120 days.

This bill allows a person to request a work-restricted license, similar to that issued when a person has been convicted of operating under the influence, to allow the person to operate a motor vehicle between the person's residence and a place of employment or in the scope of employment, or both. The work-restricted license may be issued only if there is no other means of transportation available to the person and the person's license to operate has not been suspended for operating under the influence within the prior 10-year period.

**LD 1546      An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2017      P & S 15**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-518

This bill makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2017 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-518)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2015, chapter 15 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2017 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

**LD 1567      An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the Operation of an All-terrain Vehicle or Snowmobile on a Controlled Access Highway      PUBLIC 413 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAUCIER R PATRICK J	OTP-AM	H-541

## *Joint Standing Committee on Transportation*

This bill allows the Commissioner of Transportation to permit the construction of all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile trails within the right-of-way limits of controlled access highways in areas of new construction. It also permits the operation of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles on those trail segments.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-541)**

This amendment clarifies that the Department of Transportation or the board of directors of the Maine Turnpike Authority, whichever has jurisdiction, may approve trail segments and permit the construction of all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile trails within the right-of-way limits of controlled access highways being constructed on or after January 1, 2016.

The amendment prohibits funding the construction of those all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile trails from the Highway Fund.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2015, chapter 413 allows the Department of Transportation or the board of directors of the Maine Turnpike Authority, whichever has jurisdiction, to approve trail segments and permit the construction of all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile trails within the right-of-way limits of controlled access highways being constructed on or after January 1, 2016. It also permits the operation of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles on those trail segments. The law also prohibits funding the construction of those all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile trails from the Highway Fund.

Public Law 2015, chapter 413 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 29, 2016.

<b>LD 1571</b>	<b>Resolve, To Name a Bridge between Atkinson and Sebec the Captain John "Jay" Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge</b>	<b>RESOLVE 56</b>
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P FREDETTE K	OTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to name the bridge on Stagecoach Road crossing the Piscataquis River between the towns of Atkinson and Sebec the Captain John "Jay" Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge in honor of the late Captain Brainard, who was killed in action in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom in 2012. It also directs the department to erect appropriate signs on both sides of the bridge.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2015, chapter 56 directs the Department of Transportation to name the bridge on Stagecoach Road crossing the Piscataquis River between the towns of Atkinson and Sebec the Captain John "Jay" Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge in honor of the late Captain Brainard, who was killed in action in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom in 2012.

<b>LD 1582</b>	<b>Resolve, To Name the Naples Bay Bridge on U.S. Route 302 in the Town of Naples the Robert Neault Memorial Bridge</b>	<b>RESOLVE 68</b>
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POWERS C DIAMOND G	OTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to designate the Naples Bay bridge on U.S. Route 302 that crosses over Chutes River in the Town of Naples the Robert Neault Memorial Bridge.