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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<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 128<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 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 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 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*

**LD 649 An Act To Allow for Charitable Donation Stops on Local Roads Only**

**Accepted Majority  
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILLINGHAM K	ONTP OTP	

This bill allows a charitable nonprofit organization that has received municipal and local law enforcement authorization to stop traffic to solicit a contribution on a town way.

**LD 709 An Act Regarding the License Restrictions for New Drivers**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEWART H CARPENTER M	ONTP	

This bill allows the Secretary of State to waive up to 90 days of the 270-day period of restrictions for a person with an intermediate license if that person applies for a waiver of the period of license restrictions. The bill directs the Secretary of State to adopt rules to establish the application criteria and process by which a person may qualify for a waiver of the period of license restrictions for a person with an intermediate license. The bill also provides that the Secretary of State may not accept the application of a minor for a waiver unless the application is signed by a parent or guardian; signed by the spouse of the minor, as long as the spouse is 18 years of age or older; if the minor does not have a parent, guardian or spouse who is 18 years of age or older, signed by an employer if the employer is 18 years of age or older; or accompanied by an attested copy of a court order of emancipation.

**LD 710 An Act Regarding Emergency Lights on Firefighters' Personal Vehicles Used When Responding to Emergency Calls**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEWART H CARPENTER M	ONTP	

This bill allows municipal and volunteer firefighters who are responding to emergency calls in personal vehicles to use red or red and white emergency lights on the rear of the vehicles similar to those permitted to be used on the front of the vehicles.

**LD 711 An Act To Revise the Laws Governing Learner's Permits and Intermediate Driver's Licenses and Driver Education Textbook Requirements**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KINNEY M MAKER J	ONTP	

This bill increases from six to 12 months the amount of time a person under 21 years of age must hold a driver learner's permit. It restricts to parents and siblings the passengers a person under 18 years of age holding an intermediate driver's license may drive with and changes the hours such a person may drive from between the hours