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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 1150      Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Transportation Funding Reform      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN A MIRAMANT D	OTP-AM ONTP	H-318

This resolve establishes a task force to guide the development of a pilot program to assess the potential for mileage-based revenue collection for the State's highways and bridges as an alternative to the gas tax system. The task force is required to submit a report and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than February 5, 2018. Following receipt and review of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has authority to submit legislation relating to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-318)**

This amendment, which is the majority report, strikes and replaces the resolve. The amendment establishes the Commission To Study Transportation Funding Reform. The commission is required to study how to reform and adequately supplement funding for the State's transportation infrastructure to promote equity, sustainability and predictability in a manner that allows the State to responsibly provide a safe and reliable transportation system. The commission is required to report its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than December 6, 2017. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**LD 1169      An Act To Exempt Temporary Categorical Signs from the Identification Label Requirement for 6 Weeks Prior to the June and November Elections      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS R DUNPHY M	ONTP	

This bill exempts a temporary sign that is within a public right-of-way during the six weeks prior to a primary election in June or a general election in November from the requirement that the sign be labeled with the name and address of the individual, entity or organization that placed the sign within the public right-of-way and the designated time period the sign will be maintained within the public right-of-way.

**LD 1225      An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program Requirements for New Rental Vehicles First Registered in Maine      Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CUSHING A	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill allows the initial inspection of new rental motor vehicles to last two years or 36,000 miles, whichever occurs earlier.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-134)**