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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* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions 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.

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DIED BETWEEN HOUSES	
DIED IN CONCURRENCE defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died	
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation died	
EMERGENCYenacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment	
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGEemergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote	
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE failed to receive final majority vote	
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENTlegislation 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 WITHDRAWsponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted	
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODYruled 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	
PUBLIC XXX	
RESOLVE XXX	
VETO SUSTAINEDLegislature failed to override Governor's veto	
VETO SOSTATIVED	

The effective dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. 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 1248 An Act To Improve Public Transportation in Maine

#### Died On Adjournment

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MCLEAN A	OTP-AM ONTP	H-144

This bill was reported out of committee in the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature and then carried over by joint order S.P. 601 to the Second Regular Session on the Special Appropriations Table. This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, from the Second Regular Session to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

The bill provides funding to the Department of Transportation to support and expand local volunteer driver networks; to create a pilot purchase of service program in a selected region of the State to provide senior citizens and persons with disabilities vouchers to purchase their own transportation services; and for regional transportation providers throughout the State to expand their services.

#### Committee Amendment "A" (H-144)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, decreases the amounts of funding provided to the Department of Transportation from \$500,000 to \$250,000 to support and expand local nonprofit volunteer driver networks; from \$500,000 to \$250,000 to create a pilot purchase of service program in selected regions of the State to provide senior citizens and persons with disabilities vouchers to purchase their own transportation services; and from \$13,000,000 to \$1,500,000 for recipients of Federal Transit Administration funds throughout the State to expand their services. The amendment also provides that funding provided to the Department of Transportation is appropriated from the General Fund rather than allocated from the Highway Fund as proposed in the bill.

#### LD 1400 An Act To Create the Bar Harbor Port Authority

#### **Veto Sustained**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
LANGLEY B	OTP-AM	S-347

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

The bill provides for the creation of the Bar Harbor Port Authority.

#### Committee Amendment "A" (S-347)

This amendment strikes the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill and makes technical changes.

## LD 1595An Act Regarding Inspection Requirements for Public Safety andONTPMunicipal Vehicles Owned by Island CommunitiesONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
COOPER J	ONTP	
BREEN C		

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

#### Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

The bill allows an island community to require an emergency vehicle that is garaged and operated only on the island to be inspected every five years or every 500 miles of use or annually by a licensed inspection mechanic at the location where the vehicle is customarily kept.

#### LD 1685 An Act To Create The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital Registration PUBLIC 400 Plate

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Ado	<u>pted</u>
COLLINS R	OTP-AM	S-348	
FARNSWORTH R		S-482 COLLI	NS R

This bill creates a new specialty registration plate that will generate funds to support The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center, the only full-service children's hospital in the State.

#### Committee Amendment "A" (S-348)

This amendment strikes the provision of the bill relating to weight limits, as the issue of weight limits for vehicles bearing specialty license plates is addressed in LD 1692. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

#### Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-482)

This amendment strikes and replaces the appropriations and allocations section to provide funding in fiscal year 2018-19 rather than fiscal year 2017-18.

#### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 400 creates a new specialty registration plate that will generate funds to support The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center, the only full-service children's hospital in the State.

#### LD 1688 An Act To Require That Railroads Grant Easements to Owners of Land ONTP That is Otherwise Inaccessible

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
DILL J	ONTP	
STANLEY S		

This bill allows an owner of land that is accessible only by a private way that crosses or is crossed by a railroad track to request from the railroad company an easement that authorizes the owner to cross the track at the crossing for the purpose of accessing the land. When the railroad company receives the request, this bill requires it to grant the easement for reasonable consideration.

#### LD 1692 An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

## Sponsor(s)Committee ReportAmendments AdoptedMCLEAN AOTP-AMH-580

**PUBLIC 327** 

This bill increases the maximum registered weight of a vehicle eligible for specialty plates from 10,000 pounds to 26,000 pounds.