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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**

- 11. It allows the Secretary of State to administer only the road test in conjunction with the reexamination process for a suspended juvenile provisional license and removes the requirement to provide a written examination to fulfill the restoration requirements;
- 12. It amends the law to conform to current testing practices for visual acuity;
- 13. It changes the position name of motor vehicle investigator to motor vehicle detective to be consistent with the position name change negotiated in the Maine State Employees Association contract; and
- 14. It defines "tow-away transporter combination" as a truck or truck tractor towing two trailers or semitrailers when the trailers or semitrailers are the property being transported by a manufacturer, distributor or dealer and establishes a maximum total vehicle length for the configuration of 82 feet. This change is required pursuant to the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act.

**LD 1595      An Act Regarding Inspection Requirements for Public Safety and Municipal Vehicles Owned by Island Communities      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COOPER J BREEN C		

This 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.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 1617      An Act To Initiate the Process of Terminating the Maine Turnpike Authority      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ESPLING E BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This bill:

- 1. Prohibits the Maine Turnpike Authority from issuing any bonds after October 15, 2017;
- 2. Requires the Maine Turnpike Authority, no later than October 15, 2027, to set aside sufficient funds in trust to pay all its bonds and debts or to pay all its bonds and debts;
- 3. Requires the Maine Turnpike Authority, no later than April 1, 2018, to provide to the Department of Transportation a plan to accomplish the payment of outstanding debt held by the authority; and
- 4. Requires the Maine Turnpike Authority, no later than November 1, 2027, to submit for introduction to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature a bill to transfer all of the duties, responsibilities and assets of the authority to the department and to provide for the sale of all unnecessary equipment, buildings and property owned by the authority and the removal of all the toll facilities on the turnpike, with the exception of the York toll facility.