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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 128th 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128th 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

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 Plate PUBLIC 400

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS R FARNSWORTH R	OTP-AM	S-348 S-482 COLLINS 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 That is Otherwise Inaccessible ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILL J STANLEY S	ONTP	

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 PUBLIC 327

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN A	OTP-AM	H-580

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