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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL, SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS



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.

*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 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*

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to prioritize and increase funding for the construction and repair of rural roads, giving the highest priority to rural roads that provide the greatest economic benefit to the State.

**LD 1777     An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2019** **P & S 10**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS R	OTP-AM	S-351

This bill makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2019 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-351)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Private and Special Law 2017, chapter 10 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2019 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

**LD 1779     An Act To Increase Safety, Ensure Efficient Operation and Improve Traffic Flow on the Maine Turnpike by Requiring All-electronic Toll Collection at New and Reconstructed Toll Facilities** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLUME L HILL D	ONTP	

This bill requires the Maine Turnpike Authority to install and implement only an electronic toll collection system, also known as an all-electronic tolling system, for any reconstructed or newly constructed toll facility on the turnpike.

**LD 1806     An Act To Ensure Equity in the Funding of Maine's Transportation Infrastructure by Imposing an Annual Fee on Hybrid and Electric Vehicles** **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

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

This bill imposes a surcharge, dedicated to the Highway Fund, on the annual registration of a hybrid motor vehicle in the amount of \$150 and of a battery-electric motor vehicle in the amount of \$250.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-644)**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, decreases the proposed surcharge on the annual registration of a hybrid motor vehicle from \$150 to \$50 and of a battery-electric motor vehicle from \$250 to \$125.

**Joint Standing Committee on Transportation**

The amendment also adds an effective date of July 1, 2019. This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**LD 1818      Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in Gorham the Corporal Joshua P. Barron Memorial Bridge      RESOLVE 40**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHEATS B	OTP	

This resolve designates Bridge 6443 in the Town of Gorham the Corporal Joshua P. Barron Memorial Bridge.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2017, chapter 40 designates Bridge 6443 in the Town of Gorham the Corporal Joshua P. Barron Memorial Bridge.

**LD 1886      Resolve, To Provide Funding for a Pilot Project To Evaluate and Address the Transportation Needs of Maine's Veterans      Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-725

This resolve was carried over from the Second Regular Session to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748 on the Special Appropriations Table.

This resolve is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation pursuant to Resolve 2015, chapter 77, section 4. As required by the resolve, the Department of Transportation submitted to the committee a final written report, including findings and recommendations. The resolve establishes a pilot project in a location served by a regional transportation network to provide transportation for veterans.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-725)**

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the resolve. The amendment also changes the beginning date of the 30-month pilot project from September 1, 2018 to July 1, 2018. Finally, the amendment provides that for purposes of the pilot project, "veteran" does not include any person who served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces or served in the Maine National Guard or the reserve components of the United States Armed Forces and who received a dishonorable discharge. The amendment provides that the one-time funding for the pilot project does not lapse but must be carried over to future fiscal years for its intended purpose.

**LD 1890      An Act To Streamline the Management of Maine's Transportation Infrastructure by Initiating the Process of Terminating the Maine Turnpike Authority      INDEF PP**

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

This bill was not referred to committee.

This bill was carried over, pending reference, from the Second Regular Session to the next special session by joint