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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 129<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 129<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. 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 198 An Act To Require That Nonmotorized Carriages Be Equipped with Reflective Tape and Lights**

**PUBLIC 170**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREA D CARPENTER M	OTP-AM	H-243

This bill requires a horse-drawn carriage operated during nighttime to be equipped with reflective tape on all sides, a reflective triangle on the rear and a light that is visible outside of the carriage to the front and the rear.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-243)**

This amendment expands the scope of the bill to apply to animal-drawn vehicles instead of just horse-drawn carriages. The amendment requires a light to be attached to the left side of the vehicle that displays a red light to the rear and white light to the front; specifies the placement and type of reflective tape required on all sides of the vehicle; and removes the requirement for a reflective triangle to be placed on the rear of the vehicle. The amendment also exempts animal-drawn vehicles from the standard red rear reflector requirement.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 170 requires animal-drawn vehicles to be equipped with a light attached to the left side of the vehicle that displays a red light to the rear and white light to the front. It specifies the placement and type of reflective tape required on all sides of the vehicle. It also removes the requirement for a reflective triangle to be placed on the rear of an animal-drawn vehicle and exempts animal-drawn vehicles from the standard red rear reflector requirement.

**LD 200 Resolve, To Name the Bridge on Main Street in the Town of Orono the Brandon M. Silk Memorial Bridge**

**RESOLVE 4**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIPPING R DILL J	OTP	

This resolve requires the Department of Transportation to rename the Ferry Hill Bridge in the Town of Orono the Brandon M. Silk Memorial Bridge.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2019, chapter 4 requires the Department of Transportation to rename the Ferry Hill Bridge in the Town of Orono the Brandon M. Silk Memorial Bridge.

**LD 203 Resolve, To Add a Safety Fence to the Penobscot Narrows Bridge**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HUTCHINS S	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to construct and maintain pedestrian barrier fences on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge for the purpose of suicide prevention.