

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

STATE OF MAINE
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

August 2025

STAFF:

MELANIE FURMAN, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
13 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333
(207) 287-1670
<http://legislature.maine.gov/opla>

MEMBERS:

SEN. TIMOTHY E. NANGLE, CHAIR
SEN. TERESA S. PIERCE
SEN. BRADLEE T. FARRIN

REP. LYDIA V. CRAFTS, CHAIR
REP. KAREN L. MONTELL
REP. DANIEL J. ANKELES
REP. HOLLY RAE EATON
REP. D. MICHAEL RAY
REP. WAYNE R. PARRY
REP. ROGER CLARENCE ALBERT
REP. RICHARD G. MASON
REP. JAMES LEE WHITE
REP. STEVEN M. BISHOP

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

LD 1340 An Act to Establish the Municipal Stream Crossing Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 162 establishes the Municipal Stream Crossing Fund within the Department of Transportation to provide grants for stream crossings replacements on municipal roads to eligible project sponsors, including local governments, municipal conservation commissions, soil and water conservation districts and private nonprofit organizations. The fund may accept funds from bonds, appropriations, allocations and contributions from other public and private sources. The department may award grants based on the extent to which the proposed project allows communities to more effectively prepare for storm and flood events and advances the goals of restoring habitat for fish, including sea-run fish and native brook trout, and wildlife.

LD 1359 Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Report Progress Made Toward Implementing Recommendations Based on the 2025 Public Transit Advisory Council Report

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 99 requires the Department of Transportation, by December 3, 2025, to submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation a report detailing its progress on implementing the recommendations from the 2025 Public Transit Advisory Council report, including specific dates of actions taken toward implementing those recommendations and specific dates on which the department plans to take additional actions toward implementing those recommendations. It also allows the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature based on the report.

LD 1360 An Act to Preserve Traditional Driver's Licenses and Nondriver Identification Cards

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 163 requires the Secretary of State to provide the option for an applicant to be issued a driver's license or a nondriver identification card that does not meet the standards of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 and that is valid for all state identification requirements.

LD 1377 Resolve, to Convene a Working Group to Evaluate Potential Regulation of the Vehicle Towing Industry and the Impact on State Agencies and Industries

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 77 creates a working group to identify and examine potential methods for efficiently and comprehensively regulating the vehicle towing industry to protect drivers from

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

deceptive, predatory or irresponsible practices. The working group is also required to review the laws governing notification to vehicle owners and lienholders, if any, when a vehicle is towed or left without permission on a residential or business property and to examine the circumstances related to the disposition of the vehicle when the owner is involuntarily hospitalized. The working group is required to submit a report by February 3, 2026 to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, which is authorized to introduce legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 1390 Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Develop Recommendations for a Multiyear Registration System for National Car Rental Companies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 78 requires the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, with input from the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, to consider and develop recommendations on how to implement a multiyear registration and inspection program for national car rental companies in the State. It requires the Secretary of State to submit a report by December 3, 2025 detailing how such a program may be implemented to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, which may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 1411 An Act to Modify the Laws Regarding Driver's License Applications

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 165 modifies the penalties applicable to a person who fails to obtain a license within 30 days of becoming a resident of this State. A person who violates this provision commits a traffic infraction and, if the person has been a resident for at least 90 days, the person may be fined a minimum of \$150 up to a maximum fine of \$500. It eliminates the Class E crime for violating this provision. It also modifies the provision of law that requires a person to disclose the person's social security number on the person's application for a driver's license or nondriver identification card. It clarifies that the provision to provide a person's social security number is not applicable to any person who is ineligible to receive a social security number, whether or not the person provides proof to the Secretary of State.

LD 1451 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Establish the Maine Coordinating Working Group on Access and Mobility

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 101 requires the Department of Transportation to establish the Maine Coordinating Working Group on Access and Mobility. The working group is tasked with developing an implementation plan to improve access to transportation across the State through

ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES

132ND FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS – 2025