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**STATE OF MAINE**  
126<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 126<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. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

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 126<sup>th</sup> Legislature is October 9, 2013. 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 17      An Act To Require Motorists To Stop for Pedestrians in Crosswalks**

**ACCEPTED  
MAJORITY  
(ONTP) REPORT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MORRISON MILLETT	ONTP OTP	

Current law requires the operator of a motor vehicle to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing within a marked crosswalk. This bill requires the operator of a motor vehicle to stop and yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing within a marked crosswalk.

**LD 21      An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws Governing Requisite Tire Size and Frame Height**

**PUBLIC 30**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HAMPER HAYES	OTP-AM	S-4

The Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1920 sets standards for maximum and minimum frame end height requirements for motor vehicles and the Maine Motor Vehicle Inspection Manual requires that a vehicle fail inspection if a tire contacts any part of the body of the vehicle. In light of these existing requirements, this bill removes a provision in law that requires the overall diameter of a properly mounted and inflated tire of a motor vehicle to be within 2 inches of the range of sizes recommended by the manufacturer of the motor vehicle.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-4)**

This amendment provides that a motor vehicle of 10,001 pounds to 11,500 pounds, based on the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating, may not be operated on a public way or receive a certificate of inspection with a maximum frame end height that is greater than 29 inches in the front and 31 inches in the rear.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2013, chapter 30 provides that a motor vehicle of 10,001 pounds to 11,500 pounds, based on the manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating, may not be operated on a public way or receive a certificate of inspection with a maximum frame end height that is greater than 29 inches in the front and 31 inches in the rear.

**LD 51      An Act To Allow Lifetime Disability Plates or Placards for Eligible Applicants with Lower Limb Loss**

**ONTP**

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

This bill provides that the disability plate or placard for a person with loss of all or part of one or both lower limbs does not expire during the eligible applicant's lifetime.