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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 126th 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 126th 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 67

An Act To Strengthen Collaboration in the Transfer of Responsibilities for State and State Aid Highways

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill amends the existing urban compact road transfer process by requiring the Department of Transportation to work collaboratively with the affected municipality to ensure that a section of state or state aid highway transferred to a municipality for maintenance responsibilities is in good condition. In addition to outlining the information and documents that must be provided to the affected municipality, the bill provides a more detailed definition of "good condition" and creates a dispute resolution process to address contested issues.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-63)

This amendment, which is the minority report, strikes from the bill provisions regarding collaboration between the Department of Transportation and an affected municipality, including a provision for dispute resolution, regarding maintenance of certain state or state aid highways transferred to a municipality. The amendment keeps provisions of the bill that provide a more detailed definition of "good condition" for the purpose of determining whether a municipality, rather than the State, is responsible for year-round maintenance of state and state aid highways located within an urban compact area.

LD 68

An Act To Prohibit the Use of a Handheld Mobile Telephone while Operating a Motor Vehicle

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This bill prohibits the use of a handheld mobile telephone while operating a motor vehicle. The bill clarifies that law enforcement officers, corrections officers, firefighters, drivers of authorized emergency vehicles, holders of commercial driver's licenses, physicians, municipal public works personnel, Maine Turnpike Authority personnel and state transportation personnel, including all employees and contractors of the Department of Transportation, may use handheld mobile telephones while driving within the scope of their employment. The bill makes the offense a traffic infraction. This bill does not affect the current prohibition against text messaging while operating a motor vehicle.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-19)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.