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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

This bill requires that the Maine Turnpike Authority provide notice and hold public hearings in at least 3 municipalities no later than 60 days before voting on and instituting a toll increase and establishes a grievance process to receive complaints from the public.

LD 780 An Act To Reduce Conflicts of Interest in the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program ONTP

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

This bill increases the maximum amount charged for vehicle inspections by \$7.50.

The bill also directs the Chief of the State Police to amend rules governing the responsibilities of an inspection station licensee to prohibit an inspection station licensee from paying commissions to an inspection technician for additional sales resulting from a motor vehicle inspection.

The bill also requires the Chief of the State Police, prior to the adoption of a rule governing the motor vehicle inspection program, to weigh the additional costs to motorists against any public safety improvements from new inspection requirements and to not enact new rules unless the safety benefits outweigh the costs.

LD 817 Resolve, To Require That a Sign Directing Motorists To Gould Academy Be Placed on the Maine Turnpike ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Maine Turnpike Authority to change the existing signs on the Maine Turnpike at the exits that direct motorists to Mt. Abram Ski Area and Sunday River Ski Resort to add directional information to Gould Academy in Bethel and to include mention of the Gould Academy Competition Program.

LD 818 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority To Assess the Effects of Funding and Policy Decisions on the Maine Turnpike and I-295 between Portland and Augusta ACCEPTED MAJORITY (ONTP) REPORT

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

This resolve requires the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority to study the funding models, policy, interchange location decisions and long-term cost-of-living, land use and economic effects of tolls for the section of the Maine Turnpike from Exit 44 to Exit 113 and of I-295 between Portland and Augusta. The resolve requires the department and the authority to report the results of the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than February 28, 2014, and the committee has authority to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-134)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section to

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the resolve.

LD 819 Resolve, To Equalize Tolls on Highways in the State

**ACCEPTED
MAJORITY
(ONTP) REPORT**

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

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to make Interstate 295 a toll highway if an additional lane is added on any portion of Interstate 295.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-66)

This amendment, which is the minority report, incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 835 An Act To Improve Organ Donation Awareness

PUBLIC 127

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROCHELO LANGLEY	OTP-AM ONTP	H-103

This bill requires the Secretary of State to place a \$2 donation checkoff on driver's license application and renewal forms to fund the Maine Organ and Tissue Donation Fund created by this bill and administered by the Organ Donation Advisory Council to facilitate the education and registration of residents of the State in organ donation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-103)

This amendment, which is the majority report, provides that the effective date of the bill is January 1, 2014.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 127 requires the Secretary of State to place a \$2 donation checkoff on driver's license application and renewal forms to fund the Maine Organ and Tissue Donation Fund administered by the Organ Donation Advisory Council to facilitate the education and registration of residents of the State in organ donation.

The effective date of Public Law 2013, chapter 127 is January 1, 2014.

LD 870 Resolve, Regarding a Study by the Department of Transportation of the Most Efficient Options for Improving East-west Transit and Transportation

ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to study the existing highways and railroad assets that now serve as an east-west transport corridor to determine the most efficient options for improving east-west transit and transportation in the State.