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STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

The *Digest* is arranged 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.

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 HOUSESHouse & 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
EMERGENCYenacted 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 Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature is August 1, 2014. 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

10. It clarifies the Commissioner of Transportation’s rulemaking authority with respect to the Maine traveler information services laws and requires that rules adopted are substantially compliant with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, published by the Federal Highway Administration, as well as other national standards.

11. It clarifies that those provisions of law relating to signs on the Maine Turnpike are to be implemented and administered by the Maine Turnpike Authority.

LD 1758 An Act To Clarify the Use of the Term "Civil Violation" in the Motor Vehicle Statutes

PUBLIC 482

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP

This bill clarifies that offenses designated as civil violations in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A are not traffic infractions and must be charged in a Uniform Summons and Complaint and filed in the appropriate division of the District Court as civil violations. This bill also amends provisions in Title 29-A relating to offenses involving bicycles, roller skis, toy vehicles, scooters and placement of stickers on illegally parked vehicles to clarify that these offenses are traffic infractions and not civil violations.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 482 clarifies that offenses designated as civil violations in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A are not traffic infractions and must be charged in a Uniform Summons and Complaint and filed in the appropriate division of the District Court as civil violations. This law also amends provisions in Title 29-A relating to offenses involving bicycles, roller skis, toy vehicles, scooters and the placement of stickers on illegally parked vehicles to clarify that these offenses are traffic infractions and not civil violations.

LD 1787 An Act To Clarify the Enforcement Provisions Relating to Motor Carrier Registration

PUBLIC 530

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

OTP

This bill makes technical and organizational changes to the penalty provisions of the laws regulating the registration of motor carriers. This bill repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 551, subsection 6, which was unnecessary. This bill enacts Title 29-A, section 558-A, which separates crimes, traffic infractions and civil violations. This bill also amends the civil violation now in Title 29-A, section 558-A, subsection 4 by specifying that the fine imposed may not be greater than the fine amount provided in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's uniform fine assessment program. This bill also specifies the penalty for a traffic infraction instead of relying on the penalty described in Title 29-A, section 103, subsection 3.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 530 makes technical and organizational changes to the penalty provisions of the laws regulating the registration of motor carriers by enacting new provisions in Title 29-A that separate crimes, traffic infractions and civil violations. This law repeals Title 29-A, section 551, subsection 6, as it is no longer necessary. This law amends the civil violation now in Title 29-A, section 558-A, subsection 4 by specifying that the fine imposed may not be greater than the fine amount provided in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's uniform fine assessment program. Lastly, this law also specifies the penalty for a traffic infraction instead of relying on the penalty described in Title 29-A, section 103, subsection 3.