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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 127<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. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

<i>CARRIED OVER</i> .....	<i>carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> .....	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i> .....	<i>House &amp; Senate disagreed; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> .....	<i>defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> .....	<i>action incomplete when session ended; legislation died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i> .....	<i>enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment</i>
<i>FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE</i> .....	<i>failed to receive final majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> .....	<i>legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote</i>
<i>HELD BY GOVERNOR</i> .....	<i>Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session</i>
<i>LEAVE TO WITHDRAW</i> .....	<i>sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> .....	<i>ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i> .....	<i>indefinitely postponed; legislation died</i>
<i>ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X</i> ....	<i>ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died</i>
<i>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted private &amp; special law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of enacted public law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i> .....	<i>chapter # of finally passed resolve</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> .....	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature is October 15, 2015. 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 clarifies that vehicles propelled or drawn by a horse and operated at night must have a rear reflector.

**LD 32**      **An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Signs on Interstate Highways in**      **ONTP**  
**Maine**

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

This bill allows for directional signs on interstate highways in Maine for a destination that is within 10 miles of the highway if the destination is cultural or historic and had a sign on those roads prior to August 1, 2014.

**LD 34**      **An Act To Address Suspension of an Operator's License for Negligent**      **Accepted Majority**  
**Operation Causing the Death of Another Person**      **(ONTP) Report**

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

Under current law, the Secretary of State is required to suspend, without preliminary hearing, a person's license to drive for a period of at least three years if the Secretary of State finds that person to have recklessly or negligently operated a motor vehicle so as to cause the death of another person. This bill reduces the mandatory minimum administrative license suspension from three years to 90 days, creates a maximum administrative license suspension period of four years, and removes reference to reckless operation as unnecessary since a suspension is determined by the Secretary of State's application of the lesser civil standard of negligent operation.

**LD 37**      **An Act Regarding Emergency Lights on a Vehicle Used by a Member of**      **PUBLIC 31**  
**a Municipal or Volunteer Fire or Emergency Medical Services**  
**Department**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
EVANGELOS	OTP-AM	H-29

This bill increases the number of emergency lights allowed on personal vehicles used by firefighters and emergency medical service personnel.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-29)**

This amendment allows one red auxiliary emergency light to be mounted on the rear of personal vehicles used by firefighters and emergency medical service personnel. It removes from the bill permission for firefighters and emergency service personnel to use amber auxiliary lights on personal vehicles.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2015, chapter 31 allows one red auxiliary emergency light to be mounted on the rear of personal vehicles used by firefighters and emergency medical service personnel.