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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 127th 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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>chapter # of enacted private & 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 127th 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

LD 41 **An Act To Require the Inspection of Certain Vehicles Used To Transport Members of the General Public** **ONTP**

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

This bill requires that a motor vehicle not otherwise subject to inspection be inspected for working lights and brakes within one year before transporting a member of the general public. Prior to transporting a member of the general public in the vehicle, the owner of the vehicle must certify by affidavit that the inspection requirements have been met. The owner is subject to a fine of up to \$500 for executing a false affidavit or otherwise violating the inspection requirements.

See LD 1057 under the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee.

LD 47 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Remove One of the Proposed Routes from Consideration for the Interstate 395 and Route 9 Connector** **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

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

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to remove the alternative route identified as Alternative 2B-2 in the department's I-395/Route 9 transportation study from consideration as an alternative connecting route between Interstate 395 and Route 9.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-4)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

LD 50 **An Act To Authorize up to 2 Free Sets of License Plates for 100 Percent Disabled Veterans** **Died On Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POULIOT DAVIS	OTP-AM	H-6

This bill provides that a 100 percent disabled veteran may receive, at no fee, a registration certificate and set of special designating plates for each of up to three vehicles. The bill also provides that the Secretary of State may issue the plates to a person who qualifies as a 100 percent disabled veteran and is the primary driver of each vehicle.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-6)

Current law provides that a 100 percent disabled veteran may receive, at no fee, a registration certificate and set of special designating plates for one vehicle. This amendment provides that a 100 percent disabled veteran may receive, at no fee, a registration certificate and set of special designating plates for each of up to two vehicles rather than three vehicles as proposed in the bill.