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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.

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 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 55 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Transportation To Name the Interstate 95 Rest Area in Hampden the Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Rest Area RESOLVE 3

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

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to designate the rest area in Hampden on Interstate 95 North at mile marker 176 the Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Rest Area.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 3 directs the Department of Transportation to designate the rest area in Hampden on Interstate 95 north at mile marker 176 the Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain Rest Area.

LD 66 Resolve, Naming the Bridges That Span the Machias River in Machias the Jeremiah O'Brien Memorial Bridges RESOLVE 4

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUELL BURNS	OTP-AM	H-3

This resolve names the three bridges that span the Machias River in the Town of Machias as the Jeremiah O'Brien Memorial Bridge, after the Revolutionary War naval hero.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-3)

This amendment makes a technical correction to the resolve.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 4 names the three bridges that span the Machias River in the Town of Machias as the Jeremiah O'Brien Memorial Bridges, after the Revolutionary War naval hero.

LD 73 An Act To Increase Weight Allowances for Farm Trucks ONTP

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

This bill raises the maximum allowable weight for farm trucks to 100,000 pounds.

LD 78 An Act Regarding Limitations on Certain Storm Water Fees PUBLIC 310

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY LAJOIE	OTP-AM	S-4

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

This bill repeals a provision of law exempting the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority from any fees or taxes imposed pursuant to municipal storm water ordinances in effect on January 1, 2007.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-4)

This amendment provides that a transportation system under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation or the Maine Turnpike Authority is not subject to any fee or tax imposed pursuant to a municipal storm water ordinance. The amendment provides that a transportation system includes, but is not limited to, a roadway; bridge; bike path, sidewalk or weighing station adjacent to a roadway or bridge; railroad line; pier; port; airport; trail; and adjunct facility to move persons or goods. The amendment also provides that a transportation system does not include an office building, commercial property, maintenance facility or park-and-ride lot.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 310 provides that a transportation system under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation or the Maine Turnpike Authority is not subject to any fee or tax imposed pursuant to a municipal storm water ordinance. A transportation system includes, but is not limited to, a roadway; bridge; bike path, sidewalk or weighing station adjacent to a roadway or bridge; railroad line; pier; port; airport; trail; and adjunct facility to move persons or goods. A transportation system does not include an office building, commercial property, maintenance facility or park-and-ride lot.

LD 112 An Act To Eliminate the Requirement That Adults Wear Seat Belts ONTP

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

This bill repeals the requirement that adults over 17 years of age wear seat belts when operating or riding in a motor vehicle.

LD 115 Resolve, To Name Interstate 295 from Scarborough to West Gardiner RESOLVE 8
the Richard A. Coleman Highway

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

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to designate Interstate 295 from the tollbooth in the Town of Scarborough to the tollbooth in the Town of West Gardiner as the Richard A. Coleman Highway.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 8 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Interstate 295 from the tollbooth in the Town of Scarborough to the tollbooth in the Town of West Gardiner as the Richard A. Coleman Highway.

LD 143 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 4: Maine RESOLVE 11
Motor Carrier Safety Regulation, a Major Substantive Rule of the EMERGENCY
Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-42