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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

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

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 4: Maine Motor Carrier Safety Regulation, a major substantive rule of the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-42)

This amendment requires the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to make an additional change to Chapter 4: Maine Motor Carrier Safety Regulation, a major substantive rule of the bureau, before final adoption is authorized. It requires the bureau to change the lower limit of a gross vehicle weight rating from 10,000 pounds to 10,001 pounds.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 11 requires the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to make an additional change to Chapter 4: Maine Motor Carrier Safety Regulation, a major substantive rule of the bureau, before final adoption is authorized. It requires the bureau to change the lower limit of a gross vehicle weight rating from 10,000 pounds to 10,001 pounds.

Resolve 2015, chapter 11 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 29, 2015.

LD 171	An Act To Provide a License Plate Decal for Emergency Medical Services Providers	ONTP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HEAD	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill allows the Secretary of State to issue identifying special license plate decals to be displayed on the registration plates of licensed emergency medical services providers. Half of the annual fee for the decals goes to a Maine emergency medical services memorial and education center.

LD 172	An Act To Allow Gold Star Parents Who Are Maine Residents To Use the Maine Turnpike at No Charge	ONTP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DOORE CYRWAY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This bill requires the Maine Turnpike Authority to waive tolls on the Maine Turnpike for a person who is a Maine resident and who is a parent eligible to receive a gold star lapel button under 10 United States Code, Section 1126 (2010).

LD 173	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Gold Star Family Registration Plate	PUBLIC 17
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FOLEY COLLINS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-8
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This bill provides for issuance of gold star family vanity registration plates. It also establishes registration plates for family members of a person who died while honorably serving as an active member of the United States Armed Forces who do not fit the gold star lapel button guidelines established in 10 United States Code, Section 1126 (2010).