

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

STATE OF MAINE
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

August 2015

STAFF:

KAREN NADEAU-DRILLEN, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
13 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333
(207) 287-1670
AND
SUZANNE VOYNIK, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND PROGRAM REVIEW
5 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333
(207) 287-1635

MEMBERS:

SEN. ROLAND F. COLLINS, CHAIR
SEN. KIMBERLEY C. ROSEN
SEN. G. WILLIAM DIAMOND

REP. ANDREW J. MCLEAN, CHAIR
REP. GEORGE W. HOGAN
REP. CHRISTINE B. POWERS
REP. ARTHUR C. VEROW
REP. MARK E. BRYANT
REP. JARED F. GOLDEN
REP. WAYNE R. PARRY
REP. JAMES S. GILLWAY
REP. BRADLEE THOMAS FARRIN
REP. BRIAN D. HOBART

STATE OF MAINE

127TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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 269 An Act To Require the Maine Turnpike Authority To Consider Certain ONTP
Third-party Studies and Municipal Recommendations in Its
Decision-making Process

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

This bill requires the Maine Turnpike Authority, prior to funding a significant transportation project, to review any third-party study relating to the project and to consider recommendations of a municipality that is entirely or in part within the boundaries of the project area as expressed in a vote of the legislative body of that municipality.

LD 272 An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Juvenile Provisional Licenses To Died Between
Foster Military Service Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT KATZ	REF TO CJPS	

This bill, which is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes to amend the juvenile provisional license laws so that a person who violates a condition of that person's provisional license by operating a motor vehicle with a detectable blood-alcohol level is not rendered ineligible to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States as long as the blood-alcohol concentration is below 0.08 grams per 100 milliliters of blood.

LD 283 An Act To Require Proof of Insurance for Motor Vehicle Inspection ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL R GRATWICK	ONTP	

This bill provides that a certified inspection mechanic may not perform a motor vehicle inspection or issue or sign a certificate of inspection for a motor vehicle unless the certified inspection mechanic verifies that the motor vehicle is covered by a liability insurance policy.

LD 284 An Act To Amend the Law Concerning Overwidth Farm Tractors on PUBLIC 303
Public Ways

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BLACK EDGECOMB P	OTP-AM	H-31

Current law allows an overwidth light farm tractor to operate on a public way or bridge without a permit when the tractor is equipped with adequate lights or reflectors warning other highway users of the tractor's extreme width. This bill allows all overwidth farm tractors to operate on public ways and bridges.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-31)

This amendment allows all overwidth farming vehicles to operate on public ways and bridges without permits.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 303 allows all overwidth farming vehicles to operate on public ways and bridges without permits.

LD 285 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Install a Traffic Light in the Town of Prospect ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to install a traffic light at the intersection of U.S. Route 1A and Route 174 in the Town of Prospect.

LD 286 An Act Making Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015 PUBLIC 10 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN COLLINS	OTP-AM	H-19

This bill makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund and other funds for the expenditures of State Government necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-19)

This amendment reduces the amount of funding for equipment and supplies for the State Police from \$137,774, as proposed in the bill, to \$131,399.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 10 makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund and other funds for the expenditures of State Government necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

Public Law 2015, chapter 10 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 2, 2015.

LD 287 An Act To Improve Traffic Safety during Political Campaign Seasons CARRIED OVER

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

Current law allows political signs to be erected and maintained within the public right-of-way without a license or permit. This bill repeals that law.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 127th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 992.