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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 directs the Department of Transportation to maintain the U.S. Route 1 Bypass in the Town of Kittery and U.S. Route 1 in the Town of York from the Kittery town line north to Mountain Road.

LD 439 An Act To Prohibit Excessive Idling of Passenger Trains ONTP

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

This bill prohibits a passenger train engine from operating for more than 30 minutes while the train is stopped except for during repairs or servicing requiring the engine to be running or delivering or accepting merchandise or passengers requiring engine-assisted power and includes a fine of \$2,500 for a violation of these provisions.

LD 505 An Act To Increase the Funding Level of the Local Road Assistance Program Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

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

This bill increases the annual funding dedicated for the Local Road Assistance Program from nine percent to ten percent of the Highway Fund allocation to the Department of Transportation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-82)

This amendment, which is the minority report, increases the annual funding dedicated for the Local Road Assistance Program from nine percent to ten percent of the Highway Fund allocation to the Department of Transportation over a four-year period beginning July 1, 2015.

LD 506 An Act To Improve Public-private Transportation Partnerships ONTP

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

This bill changes the law governing public-private partnerships to develop transportation facilities by removing the Department of Transportation's authority to receive unsolicited proposals and to limit those proposals solicited by the department to those in accordance with the Sensible Transportation Policy Act.

LD 515 An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Commercial Learner's Permits PUBLIC 46 EMERGENCY

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

This bill repeals the requirement that limits eligibility for a commercial learner's permit to an applicant 18 years of age or older in a section of law that takes effect July 8, 2015.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 46 repeals the requirement that limits eligibility for a commercial learner's permit to an applicant 18 years of age or older in a section of law that takes effect July 8, 2015.

Public Law 2015, chapter 46 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 30, 2015.

LD 520 An Act To Amend the Requirement for a Certificate of Title for Junk and Scrap Automobiles and Vehicles

**PUBLIC 88
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS PARRY	OTP-AM	S-37

Current law exempts automobiles and vehicles older than model year 1995 from the requirement to have a certificate of title, except when the Secretary of State determines it is in the best interest of the State and the applicant to issue a title to such a vehicle. This bill adds an exemption for a vehicle more than 15 years old being transferred for junk or scrap.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-37)

This amendment provides that a recycler, salvage vehicle dealer or scrap processor may accept a vehicle without a certificate of title or certificate of salvage if the following conditions are met:

1. The vehicle model year is 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 or 1999;
2. The recycler, salvage vehicle dealer or scrap processor obtains the seller's name and address and maintains the seller's name and address and vehicle identification number of the scrapped vehicle for a period of at least one year; and
3. The recycler, salvage vehicle dealer or scrap processor reports the destruction of the vehicle to the Secretary of State within 30 days.

This amendment also provides an effective date of July 1, 2015.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 88 provides that, beginning July 1, 2015, a recycler, salvage vehicle dealer or scrap processor may accept a vehicle without a certificate of title or certificate of salvage if the following conditions are met:

1. The vehicle model year is 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 or 1999;
2. The recycler, salvage vehicle dealer or scrap processor obtains the seller's name and address and maintains the seller's name and address and vehicle identification number of the scrapped vehicle for a period of at least one year; and
3. The recycler, salvage vehicle dealer or scrap processor reports the destruction of the vehicle to the Secretary of State within 30 days.

Public Law 2015, chapter 88 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 17, 2015.