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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.

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LD 982 **An Act Requiring a Permit and Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance for Transportation Network Companies** **ONTP**

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

This bill creates a permitting process for transportation network companies to provide transportation services, establishes minimum motor vehicle liability insurance requirements for transportation network companies and allows municipalities to regulate transportation network companies and drivers.

See LD 1379 under the Insurance and Financial Services Committee.

LD 987 **An Act To Suspend the Right of an Out-of-state Toll Violator To Operate a Motor Vehicle on Maine Roads** **PUBLIC 159**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN COLLINS	OTP-AM	H-148

This bill permits the Maine Turnpike Authority, in the case of a vehicle registered in another jurisdiction that is involved in a toll violation and when the authority knows only the license plate of a toll violator and not the identity of the registered owner, to send a notice of violation to the motor vehicle registry of the jurisdiction that issued the registration. The notice must contain a warning that if tolls are not paid, the owner's right to operate the motor vehicle in Maine may be suspended.

If the registered owner of a vehicle from another jurisdiction fails to pay or contest the notice of liability, the authority is directed to notify the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State then suspends the right of the owner to operate the vehicle in Maine and notifies the owner, if known, or the motor vehicle registry of the jurisdiction that issued the registration.

The bill also authorizes a law enforcement officer to remove a vehicle to a suitable parking place if it is being operated under a registration that is suspended for failure to pay tolls.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-148)

This amendment removes from the bill the language that provides that if the motor vehicle involved in a toll violation is registered in another jurisdiction and the registered owner's address is not known by the Maine Turnpike Authority, the notice may be sent to the motor vehicle registry of the jurisdiction that issued the registration. Instead, the amendment provides that the notice may be sent to an address for the registered owner obtained by the Maine Turnpike Authority through other reasonable means, including but not limited to databases compiled by law enforcement or other government agencies.

The amendment also removes from the bill provisions relating to notice of suspension or revocation of a license, and replaces it with language that provides that the suspension takes effect on the date specified in the notice, which may not be less than 10 days after the mailing of the notification.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 159 permits the Maine Turnpike Authority, in the case of a vehicle registered in another jurisdiction that is involved in a toll violation and when the authority knows only the license plate of a toll violator and not the identity of the registered owner, to send a notice of violation to an address for the registered owner

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If the registered owner of a vehicle from another jurisdiction fails to pay or contest the notice of liability, the authority is directed to notify the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State then suspends the right of the owner to operate the vehicle in Maine and notifies the owner. The law also authorizes a law enforcement officer to remove a vehicle to a suitable parking place if it is being operated under a registration that is suspended for failure to pay tolls.

LD 1025 An Act To Require Motorized Scooters To Be Equipped with Flags ONTP

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

This bill provides that a motorized scooter may not be operated on a public way unless the motorized scooter is equipped with a reflective or fluorescent safety flag.

LD 1080 An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017 PUBLIC 268 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN COLLINS	OTP-AM	H-457

This bill, which is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes to make unified appropriations and allocations for the expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and other funds and change certain provisions of the law necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017, as submitted by the Governor pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-457)

This amendment strikes and replaces the concept draft. The amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

Part A provides for the necessary expenditures of State Government and other purposes for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

Part B allows the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to issue from time to time up to \$50,000,000 of GARVEE bonds for highway and bridge needs.

Part C requires the State Controller to transfer at the close of fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17 amounts exceeding \$100,000 from the unallocated balance in the Highway Fund, after all commitments, to the Highway and Bridge Capital, Highway Light Capital and Maintenance and Operations programs within the Department of Transportation for capital or all other needs.

Part D authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to transfer Highway Fund Personal Services balances