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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

LD 1172

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Rules for Permitting Overlimit Commercial Motor Vehicles of Specified Configurations To Travel Designated Routes, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Transportation

**RESOLVE 21
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-149

This resolve provides for legislative review of Rules for Permitting Overlimit Commercial Motor Vehicles of Specified Configurations To Travel Designated Routes, a major substantive rule of the Department of Transportation that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-149)

This amendment requires the Department of Transportation to make additional changes to Rules for Permitting Overlimit Commercial Motor Vehicles of Specified Configurations To Travel Designated Routes, a major substantive rule of the department, before final adoption is authorized. It requires the department to provide that B-train double configurations are allowed on designated routes, contingent upon passage into law of changes allowing B-train double configuration to be used on those routes.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 21 requires the Department of Transportation to make additional changes to Rules for Permitting Overlimit Commercial Motor Vehicles of Specified Configurations To Travel Designated Routes, a major substantive rule of the department, before final adoption is authorized. It requires the department to provide that B-train double configurations are allowed on designated routes, contingent upon passage into law of changes allowing B-train double configuration to be used on those routes.

See also LD 554.

Resolve 2015, chapter 21 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 9, 2015.

LD 1174

Resolve, To Study the Feasibility and Cost of Providing Passenger Rail Service to the City of Bangor

**Died Between
Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNPHY M ROSEN	ONTP OTP-AM	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to study providing passenger rail service to the City of Bangor.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-134)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an appropriations and allocations section to the resolve.