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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

5. It strikes all proposed new prohibitions and penalties regarding vulnerable users, as the conduct and penalties are covered by current law in Titles 17-A and 29-A.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 164:

1. Creates a vulnerable user law to protect people on public ways who are not in motor vehicles. A "vulnerable user" included a person who is more vulnerable to injury than a person in an automobile, truck or similar motor vehicle. A motorist who assaults, attempts to assault, taunts or distracts a vulnerable user, because that person is a vulnerable user, commits a traffic infraction and is subject to the same penalties as a person who texts while operating a motor vehicle;
2. Requires that driver education courses include instruction regarding sharing the road with vulnerable users;
3. Specifies that operators must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians who have shown visible intent to enter the marked crosswalk; and
4. Specifies that the responsibilities of bicyclists are like responsibilities of motor vehicle operators, but consolidates most of these provisions in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 2063, which addresses the rights and duties of bicyclists.

LD 1308

An Act To Eliminate the Requirement That Truck Campers Be Registered

Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>
DAVIS
SKOLFIELD

<u>Committee Report</u>
ONTP
OTP

Amendments Adopted

This bill repeals the requirement that truck campers be registered.

LD 1320

An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Motor Vehicles

PUBLIC 206

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>
MCLEAN
ROSEN

<u>Committee Report</u>
OTP-AM

<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
H-224

This bill amends the motor vehicle laws to:

1. Increase the gross weight requirements for pickup trucks from 6,000 pounds to 10,000 pounds so pickup trucks under 10,001 pounds can be registered with passenger-type plates;
2. Increase the registration fee for antique autos from \$15 to \$30;
3. Discontinue the muffler bypass permit as this permit is obsolete;
4. Clarify that the cancellation fee for all commercial examinations, including a Class C commercial examination, is \$30;