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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 Second 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.

CARRIED OVER..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or PASSAGE..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature is July 29, 2016. 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 allows the Commissioner of Transportation to permit the construction of all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile trails within the right-of-way limits of controlled access highways in areas of new construction. It also permits the operation of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles on those trail segments.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-541)

This amendment clarifies that the Department of Transportation or the board of directors of the Maine Turnpike Authority, whichever has jurisdiction, may approve trail segments and permit the construction of all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile trails within the right-of-way limits of controlled access highways being constructed on or after January 1, 2016.

The amendment prohibits funding the construction of those all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile trails from the Highway Fund.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2015, chapter 413 allows the Department of Transportation or the board of directors of the Maine Turnpike Authority, whichever has jurisdiction, to approve trail segments and permit the construction of all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile trails within the right-of-way limits of controlled access highways being constructed on or after January 1, 2016. It also permits the operation of all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles on those trail segments. The law also prohibits funding the construction of those all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile trails from the Highway Fund.

Public Law 2015, chapter 413 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 29, 2016.

LD 1571

Resolve, To Name a Bridge between Atkinson and Sebec the Captain John "Jay" Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge

RESOLVE 56

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to name the bridge on Stagecoach Road crossing the Piscataquis River between the towns of Atkinson and Sebec the Captain John "Jay" Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge in honor of the late Captain Brainard, who was killed in action in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom in 2012. It also directs the department to erect appropriate signs on both sides of the bridge.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2015, chapter 56 directs the Department of Transportation to name the bridge on Stagecoach Road crossing the Piscataquis River between the towns of Atkinson and Sebec the Captain John "Jay" Brainard Gold Star Memorial Bridge in honor of the late Captain Brainard, who was killed in action in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom in 2012.

LD 1582

Resolve, To Name the Naples Bay Bridge on U.S. Route 302 in the Town of Naples the Robert Neault Memorial Bridge

RESOLVE 68

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to designate the Naples Bay bridge on U.S. Route 302 that crosses over Chutes River in the Town of Naples the Robert Neault Memorial Bridge.