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**STATE OF MAINE**  
128<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
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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 128<sup>th</sup> 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 FINAL 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 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature is Wednesday, November 1, 2017. 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 provides that a motor vehicle may not fail its annual inspection for aesthetic reasons or for minor mechanical defects. A vehicle may fail the inspection only for defects that reasonably affect the safety of the vehicle.

**LD 168      Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Install a Caution Light in New Sweden**

**Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

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

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to install a blinking yellow caution light at the intersection of Route 161 and Station Road in the Town of New Sweden.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-5)**

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the resolve.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 171      An Act To Add the Air Medal as an Option for a Special Commemorative Decal on Special Veterans Registration Plates**

**PUBLIC 8**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE T MAKER J	OTP	

This bill allows the Secretary of State to issue special commemorative decals for use with special veterans registration plates to any person who served in the United States Armed Forces, was honorably discharged and was awarded the Air Medal.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 8 allows the Secretary of State to issue special commemorative decals for use with special veterans registration plates to any person who served in the United States Armed Forces, was honorably discharged and was awarded the Air Medal.

**LD 172      An Act To Improve Officer Safety at Roadside Incidents**

**PUBLIC 21**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARRINGTON M VOLK A	OTP OTP-AM	

This bill allows police vehicles to use red emergency lights. The red emergency lights may comprise up to 50% of the emergency lights used on the police vehicle.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)**

This amendment, which is the minority report, strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment provides that emergency lights on a police vehicle may include one blue light mounted facing toward the rear of the vehicle so that the light is primarily visible to approaching traffic from the rear only.

**Joint Standing Committee on Transportation**

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 21 provides that emergency lights on a police vehicle may include one blue light mounted facing toward the rear of the vehicle so that the light is primarily visible to approaching traffic from the rear only.

**LD 207      Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in East Machias as the Norman E. Bagley Memorial Bridge      RESOLVE 1**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUELL W MAKER J	OTP	

This resolve designates Bridge 3219 on Route 191 that crosses the East Machias River in the Town of East Machias the Norman E. Bagley Memorial Bridge.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2017, chapter 1 designates Bridge 3219 on Route 191 that crosses the East Machias River in the Town of East Machias the Norman E. Bagley Memorial Bridge.

**LD 208      An Act To Allow Vehicles Hauling Animal Bedding To Travel over County or Town Ways without a Permit      PUBLIC 25**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KINNEY M DAVIS P	ONTP OTP-AM	H-13

This bill exempts vehicles hauling animal bedding from posted road restrictions imposed by the Department of Transportation, counties or municipalities.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-13)**

This amendment, which is the minority report, replaces the bill. It changes the title and removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause. The amendment provides that a vehicle delivering organic animal bedding material may travel over a county or town way without a specific municipal or county permit as long as that vehicle is operating in accordance with restrictions imposed by the applicable county or municipality.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 25 provides that a vehicle delivering organic animal bedding material may travel over a county or town way without a specific municipal or county permit as long as that vehicle is operating in accordance with restrictions imposed by the applicable county or municipality.

**LD 209      An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Temporary Sign Usage      CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARRY W		

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to make changes to the laws regarding categorical signs to adjust the time, placement and content