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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*

restrictions imposed on temporary signs placed within a public right-of-way.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-111)**

This amendment replaces the bill, which was a concept draft. The amendment increases the amount of time a temporary sign may be placed in the public right-of-way from a maximum of six weeks per calendar year to a maximum of 12 weeks per calendar year. The amendment clarifies that temporary signs within the public right-of-way must include or be marked with the name and address of the individual, entity or organization that placed the sign within the public right-of-way and the date the sign was erected within the public right-of-way.

This bill was reported out of committee and then recommitted to the committee; it was then carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

<b>LD 210</b>	<b>An Act To Allow Disabled Veterans To Have More Than One Set of Disabled Veteran License Plates</b>	<b>ONTP</b>
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WALLACE R WHITTEMORE R	ONTP	

This bill allows a disabled veteran to have a set of disabled veteran license plates for each vehicle owned by the veteran.

<b>LD 211</b>	<b>An Act To Require a State Automobile Inspection Biannually</b>	<b>INDEF PP</b>
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA R		

This bill changes the noncommercial automobile inspection requirement from an annual inspection to a biannual inspection.

<b>LD 216</b>	<b>Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect Signs on Interstate 95 Directing Motorists to Lincoln</b>	<b>ONTP</b>
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROSEN K HANINGTON S	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to place signs directing motorists to the Town of Lincoln on Interstate 95 on the northbound and southbound lanes near the exit closest to the town.

<b>LD 236</b>	<b>An Act To Update Accessibility Requirements on Highways</b>	<b>PUBLIC 9</b>
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS R MCLEAN A	OTP	

*Joint Standing Committee on Transportation*

This bill amends the section of law governing the location and construction of curbs in order to align the language to federal requirements and comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 9 amends the section of law governing the location and construction of curbs in order to align the language to federal requirements and comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

**LD 242      An Act To Allow Extra Lights on the Front of a Motorcycle      ONTP**

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

This bill allows additional auxiliary lights on the front of a motorcycle.

**LD 293      An Act To Require Horse-drawn Carriages and Wagons To Be Equipped with Reflectors      ONTP**

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

This bill requires vehicles propelled or drawn by a horse and operated at night to have a rear reflector of a specific size and color.

**LD 294      Resolve, To Name the Bridge over the Penobscot River in the Towns of Enfield and Howland King's Bridge      RESOLVE 3 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HANINGTON S DILL J	OTP	

This resolve names the bridge that spans the Penobscot River in the Town of Enfield and the Town of Howland King's Bridge.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2017, chapter 3 names the bridge that spans the Penobscot River in the Town of Enfield and the Town of Howland King's Bridge.

Resolve 2017, chapter 3 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 10, 2017.

**LD 306      An Act To Require State Compliance with Federal REAL ID Guidelines      PUBLIC 27**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND B	OTP-AM OTP-AM	S-17