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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*

of 5 a.m. and 12 a.m. to between the hours of 5 a.m. and 9 p.m., except that it allows such a person working at night to drive until 10 p.m. It also amends the law regarding the Secretary of State's duties to require the adoption of a driver education curriculum and the use of textbooks developed by a nationwide automobile association.

**LD 712**      **Resolve, To Designate a Portion of Route 43 in Corinth, Exeter and Corinna the Donald Strout, Sr., Memorial Highway**      **RESOLVE 5**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUCHESNE R CUSHING A	OTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to designate Route 43 from its intersection with Route 15 in the Town of Corinth to its intersection with Route 7 in the Town of Corinna the Donald Strout, Sr., Memorial Highway.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2017, chapter 5 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Route 43 from its intersection with Route 15 in the Town of Corinth to its intersection with Route 7 in the Town of Corinna the Donald Strout, Sr., Memorial Highway.

**LD 724**      **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the State's Rail Authority**      **Died Between Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N GOLDEN J	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill transfers the budget approval authority for the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority from the Department of Transportation to the Legislature. It requires the authority to present its annual report to a joint meeting of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs. It also requires the authority to hold timely and appropriate forums for public input and vetting of significant projects throughout the project selection, design and implementation processes. Finally, the bill directs the passenger rail advisory council within the Department of Transportation to meet four times a year and to serve as a public forum for input on passenger rail planning and provide the public with updates on the operational, capital and financial structure of passenger and freight railroad operations in the State.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-42)**

This amendment places the Passenger Rail Advisory Council, established in the bill, in a different section of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23; provides more detail about membership, staff and number of meetings; and removes freight rail operations from the council's oversight. Unlike the bill, the amendment requires no changes in the annual reporting by the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to the Legislative Council or to the Commissioner of Transportation.

This amendment was not adopted.