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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 128th 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 128th 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

LD 787 An Act To Ease the Financial Burden on Maine Motorists by Repealing the Requirement That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Inspected ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA R BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This bill repeals statutory provisions that require motor vehicles registered in the State to have an annual motor vehicle inspection.

LD 788 An Act To Require Motor Vehicles To Be Registered on a Biennial Basis ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA R BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This bill changes the annual registration requirement and fee for automobiles, pickup trucks registered for 10,000 pounds or less and sport utility vehicles to a biennial registration at a fee of \$50.

LD 789 Resolve, To Require Infrastructure Projects Affecting Interstate 295 To Be Expedited ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREDETTE K	ONTP	

This resolve requires the Department of Transportation to expedite the planning, execution and completion of any existing infrastructure project affecting Interstate 295.

LD 790 Resolve, To Name the Bridge between Indian Township and the Town of Princeton the Sakom John Stevens Bridge ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DANA M	ONTP	

This resolve names the bridge that spans the outlet of the Grand Falls Flowage into Lewy Lake on U.S. Route 1 between Indian Township and the Town of Princeton the Sakom John Stevens Bridge.

LD 824 An Act To Curb Drug-impaired Driving INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DION M PIERCE T		

This bill was not referred to committee.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures designed to curb drug-impaired driving.

LD 827 An Act To Repeal the Laws Governing Truck Camper Registration

PUBLIC 67

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THIBODEAU M	OTP ONTP	

This bill repeals the registration requirements for truck campers, which are slide-in campers designed to be mounted on a truck body to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or other use.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 67 repeals the registration requirements for truck campers, which are slide-in campers designed to be mounted on a truck body to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or other use.

LD 877 An Act To Allow Learner's Permits To Be Issued by Driver Education Schools

PUBLIC 79

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SCHNECK J CARPENTER M	OTP-AM ONTP	H-38

This bill allows the provider of a driver education course to collect fees and application materials for a learner's permit and to issue a learner's permit to a person following receipt by the Secretary of State of the fees, the application materials and a course completion certificate.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-38)

This amendment clarifies that, in addition to the Secretary of State, the provider of a driver education course may issue a learner's permit and removes the requirement that the provider of a driver education course may only issue a learner's permit forwarded by the Secretary of State after the Secretary of State has received the fees for a learner's permit, any required application materials for a learner's permit and a course completion certificate.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 79 provides that, in addition to the Secretary of State, the provider of a driver education course may issue a learner's permit.

LD 878 An Act To Allow Municipalities To Permit the Operation of Golf Carts on Municipally Owned Streets

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DENNO D BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This bill allows municipalities to designate certain public ways as golf cart access routes, similar to existing provisions of law allowing municipalities to designate certain public ways as all-terrain vehicle access routes, and to pass ordinances requiring the registration of golf carts used on the access routes and for the safe operation and required safety features of those golf carts.