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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**

**LD 905**

**An Act To Authorize the Construction of a Maine Turnpike Connector to Gorham**

**PUBLIC 68**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN A VOLK A	OTP-AM	H-61

This bill authorizes the construction of a connector in Cumberland County from Route 114 in South Gorham to an interchange on the Maine Turnpike if, after completing an evaluation of reasonable alternatives, as required by the Sensible Transportation Policy Act, the Maine Turnpike Authority determines that there is no reasonable alternative to the construction of a connector to meet the identified need. The bill also provides that the Maine Turnpike Authority may provide for the issuance of special obligation or subordinate bonds, not exceeding \$150,000,000, to pay for planning, design and construction of this project.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-61)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 68 authorizes the construction of a connector in Cumberland County from Route 114 in South Gorham to an interchange on the Maine Turnpike if, after completing an evaluation of reasonable alternatives, as required by the Sensible Transportation Policy Act, the Maine Turnpike Authority determines that there is no reasonable alternative to the construction of a connector to meet the identified need. The law also provides that the Maine Turnpike Authority may provide for the issuance of special obligation or subordinate bonds, not exceeding \$150,000,000, to pay for planning, design and construction of this project.

**LD 923**

**An Act To Establish an Enhanced Driver's License for Qualified Maine Residents To Facilitate Travel across Certain International Borders**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREIGHT J JACKSON T	ONTP	

This bill provides that the Secretary of State may issue a driver's license or nondriver identification card that meets the standards of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative developed by the United States Department of State and the United States Department of Homeland Security. The bill also establishes fees for these driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards.

**LD 960**

**An Act To Use State Employees and Resources for Transportation Bond Projects**

**Died Between Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D GRANT G	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to use to the extent practicable state employees and resources to perform the planning, designing and engineering required for transportation projects financed by bonding.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-36)**