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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 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)

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 963 An Act To Require Certain Personnel on a Bridge Painting Project To Be Certified ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T MCLEAN A	ONTP	

This bill requires a certified coating application specialist or other person who is certified for field application of coatings to industrial structures by a nationally recognized association for industrial protective coatings to be present at all times when surface preparation for or coating application of paint on a bridge is being performed. For any work involving cleaning, rehabilitation, surface preparation for or coating application of paint on a bridge on which lead may be present, the bill requires that a certified coating application specialist for hazardous coatings or other person certified for field removal of hazardous coatings by a nationally recognized association for industrial protective coatings must be present at all times when the work is being performed.

LD 977 An Act To Allow a Motorist To Make a Left Turn at a Red Light under Certain Conditions ONTP

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

This bill allows a motor vehicle operator to make a left turn at a red light after stopping if not prohibited by a sign such as "NO LEFT TURN ON RED" or "NO TURN ON RED" and the operator yields the right-of-way to pedestrians on a crosswalk and to a vehicle having a green signal at the intersection.

LD 989 An Act Regarding Towed Vehicle Charges and Notice to the Secretary of State of Towed and Abandoned Vehicles ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASON G PICCHIOTTI J	ONTP	

This bill amends the law regarding holding or storing a vehicle and its accessories, contents and equipment to make it apply to any vehicle that has been towed and limits the amount of money that may be charged for storage of the vehicle to three days' storage fees unless notice is given to the Secretary of State no sooner than three days following receipt of the vehicle and no later than five days following receipt. It prohibits a person holding or storing the vehicle from charging a total amount more than \$900 for a 30-day period or a prorated amount for a greater or lesser period of time and provides that that person may not give notice of an abandoned vehicle to the Secretary of State until the vehicle has been in the person's possession for 30 days.