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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.

This bill requires a pedestrian walking on a public way after sunset and before sunrise to wear reflective clothing or a reflective device that is visible at least 200 feet from the front.

LD 1022   **An Act Regarding the Contents of a Commercial Vehicle Towed without the Consent of the Vehicle's Owner**   **PUBLIC 120**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
PARRY W	OTP-AM	H-153
COLLINS R		

This bill requires a person who tows a commercial motor vehicle without consent to provide an itemized invoice, including a notice to direct complaints about overcharging to the traffic division of the State Police, and provides for a fine for failure to itemize an invoice. It provides a definition of "commercial motor vehicle" in language modeled on 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 390.5. It provides that a customer is not liable for a charge not included on the itemized invoice. It also prohibits a person holding or storing a commercial motor vehicle from holding the vehicle's cargo.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-153)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. Like the bill, the amendment requires a person who tows a commercial motor vehicle without consent to provide an itemized invoice before demanding payment for any charge relating to a commercial vehicle nonconsensual tow. Unlike the bill, the amendment does not require that a person holding or storing a towed vehicle place on the invoice a notice to direct complaints about overcharging to the traffic division of the State Police. The amendment also does not impose a penalty for failure to itemize an invoice or post the required notice or for the improper impoundment of contents or cargo of a commercial motor vehicle, all of which are required in the bill. Like the bill, the amendment defines "commercial motor vehicle" and "commercial motor vehicle nonconsensual tow." The amendment adds a definition of "perishable cargo."

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 120 requires a person who tows a commercial motor vehicle without consent to provide an itemized invoice before demanding payment for any charge relating to a commercial vehicle nonconsensual tow.

LD 1024   **Resolve, To Direct the Secretary of State To Initiate the Process To Redesign Special Veterans Registration Plates**   **ONTP**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
FREDETTE K	ONTP	

This resolve requires the Secretary of State to initiate the process to redesign the special veterans registration plate.

LD 1025   **An Act To Allow Stepparents To Sign the Application for a Driver's License for a Minor**   **Veto Sustained**

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
SAVIELLO T	OTP	

This bill allows a stepparent to sign the application of a minor for a driver's license.