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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* contain summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Special, Second Regular and Second Special Sessions 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 dates for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special, Second Regular or Second Special Sessions of the 128th Legislature are: Monday, February 5, 2018; Wednesday, August 1, 2018; and Thursday, December 13, 2018, respectively. 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

safety improvements may be financed from the fund if the project is located within an area identified by the Department of Transportation as a dangerous intersection based on pedestrian crash data. The amendment also requires the department to notify municipalities of the required biennial report and pedestrian crash data. Finally, the amendment provides that the Fund for Municipalities To Improve Pedestrian Safety receives revenue from uncommitted balances in the Multimodal Transportation Fund and other funds from any public or private source.

LD 1149 An Act To Provide Revenue To Fix and Rebuild Maine's Infrastructure

**Died On
Adjournment**

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

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature. This bill was reported out in the Second Regular Session and again carried over from the Second Regular Session to the next special session by joint order S.P. 748.

The bill does the following for the purpose of increasing the revenue to the Highway Fund.

1. It increases by \$3 to \$10 certain fees charged by the Secretary of State for driver's license examinations, temporary license plates, nondriver identification cards, issuance of duplicate registrations, titles, licenses and nondriver identification cards and transfers of registrations.
2. It imposes a \$200 surcharge, dedicated to the Highway Fund, on the registration of hybrid motor vehicles, battery-electric motor vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell motor vehicles.
3. It requires 10% of the sales tax imposed on transportation-related items, such as motor vehicles and the products for the repair and maintenance of motor vehicles, such as motor oil, batteries and tires, to be transferred to the Highway Fund on a monthly basis.
4. It increases the tax imposed on motor vehicle fuel by 7¢ per gallon, to 36.5¢ per gallon, beginning October 1, 2017.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-682)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, removes the provisions in the bill that impose a surcharge on the registration of hybrid motor vehicles, battery-electric motor vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell motor vehicles.

The amendment removes certain examination fee increases for driver's licenses since these fees were increased in the Highway Fund budget bill, Public Law 2017, chapter 283.

The amendment removes certain fee increases for a nondriver identification card, a duplicate nondriver identification card and a duplicate registration certificate.

The amendment removes tax increases imposed on motor vehicle fuel by 7¢ per gallon, from 29.5¢ per gallon to 36.5¢ per gallon, beginning October 1, 2017. Instead, the amendment proposes to increase the tax on motor vehicle fuel by 3¢ per gallon, from 29.5¢ per gallon to 32.5¢ per gallon, beginning January 1, 2019 and by another 3¢ per gallon, from 32.5¢ per gallon to 35.5¢ per gallon, beginning January 1, 2020.