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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 1150 Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Transportation Funding Reform Died On Adjournment

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN A MIRAMANT D	OTP-AM ONTP	H-318

This resolve establishes a task force to guide the development of a pilot program to assess the potential for mileage-based revenue collection for the State's highways and bridges as an alternative to the gas tax system. The task force is required to submit a report and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than February 5, 2018. Following receipt and review of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has authority to submit legislation relating to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-318)

This amendment, which is the majority report, strikes and replaces the resolve. The amendment establishes the Commission To Study Transportation Funding Reform. The commission is required to study how to reform and adequately supplement funding for the State's transportation infrastructure to promote equity, sustainability and predictability in a manner that allows the State to responsibly provide a safe and reliable transportation system. The commission is required to report its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than December 6, 2017. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 1169 An Act To Exempt Temporary Categorical Signs from the Identification Label Requirement for 6 Weeks Prior to the June and November Elections ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS R DUNPHY M	ONTP	

This bill exempts a temporary sign that is within a public right-of-way during the six weeks prior to a primary election in June or a general election in November from the requirement that the sign be labeled with the name and address of the individual, entity or organization that placed the sign within the public right-of-way and the designated time period the sign will be maintained within the public right-of-way.

LD 1225 An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program Requirements for New Rental Vehicles First Registered in Maine Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

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

This bill allows the initial inspection of new rental motor vehicles to last two years or 36,000 miles, whichever occurs earlier.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-134)

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill and changes the title. It provides that a new motor vehicle that has had an inspection is not required to have another inspection until two years from the last day of the month in which it was initially registered. The amendment also provides that the inspection sticker fee for the one-time two-year inspection of a new motor vehicle is \$7. After this time period has passed, the motor vehicle is required to have an annual motor vehicle safety inspection.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1226 An Act To Keep Maine's Transportation Infrastructure Safe by ONTP
Providing More Sources of Revenue for the Highway Fund

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS R	ONTP	

This bill identifies three revenue sources to increase funding to the Highway Fund for transportation infrastructure.

This bill:

1. Imposes an annual registration fee of \$250 on hybrid vehicles and \$350 on electric vehicles instead of the annual \$35 fee imposed on other passenger vehicles;
2. Requires municipalities to spend revenue they collect from excise taxes on transportation projects within their municipality; and
3. Diverts from municipalities to the Highway Fund the excise tax collected on trucks and truck tractors that haul trailers.

LD 1248 An Act To Improve Public Transportation in Maine CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN A	OTP-AM ONTP	H-144

This bill provides funding to the Department of Transportation to support and expand local volunteer driver networks; to create a pilot purchase of service program in a selected region of the State to provide senior citizens and persons with disabilities vouchers to purchase their own transportation services; and for regional transportation providers throughout the State to expand their services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-144)

This amendment decreases the amounts of funding provided to the Department of Transportation from \$500,000 to \$250,000 to support and expand local nonprofit volunteer driver networks; from \$500,000 to \$250,000 to create a pilot purchase of service program in selected regions of the State to provide senior citizens and persons with disabilities vouchers to purchase their own transportation services; and from \$13,000,000 to \$1,500,000 for recipients of Federal Transit Administration funds throughout the State to expand their services. The amendment also provides that funding provided to the Department of Transportation is appropriated from the General Fund rather than allocated from the Highway Fund as proposed in the bill.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.