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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 1277     An Act To Require the Secretary of State To Inform Commercial Drivers about Human Trafficking Prevention**

**PUBLIC 192**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GIDEON S VOLK A	OTP-AM	H-240

This bill requires that, beginning April 1, 2018, an applicant for a new commercial driver's license complete in person or online a nationally recognized training program on preventing human trafficking in the trucking industry as a requirement to receive a license. It also requires that all new and renewed commercial driver's licenses be accompanied by a wallet-sized card that outlines signs of and how to report human trafficking and includes a telephone number for a national human trafficking hotline.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-240)**

This amendment strikes the requirement in the bill that an applicant for a new commercial driver's license complete a nationally recognized training program on preventing human trafficking in the trucking industry. It retains the provision in the bill that requires that all new and renewed commercial driver's licenses be accompanied by information that outlines how to recognize human trafficking and how to report human trafficking and includes a telephone number for a national human trafficking hotline.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 192 requires that all new and renewed commercial driver's licenses be accompanied by information that outlines how to recognize human trafficking and how to report human trafficking and includes a telephone number for a national human trafficking hotline.

**LD 1310     An Act To Establish a Driver's License Suspension Amnesty Day**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEVIN M MIRAMANT D	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to establish a program in which a person who has outstanding traffic tickets with unpaid fines that have resulted in the suspension of that person's driver's license is eligible, for a limited time, to pay a reduced fine per ticket in order to reinstate that person's driver's license. It is based on a similar program in Vermont.

This bill will establish criteria for eligibility for participation in the program, including which offenses qualify, the amount that an eligible person must pay and when the program will be held.

**LD 1312     Resolve, To Investigate Extending Passenger Rail Service to Central Maine**

**Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

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

## *Joint Standing Committee on Transportation*

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority and interested municipalities and planning organizations, to conduct a study and complete a plan for the implementation of passenger rail service in the State northward and westward from existing passenger rail routes. The resolve provides funding to complete the study from a one-time Highway Fund allocation of \$300,000 in the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-154)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

### **LD 1318     An Act To Align State Relocation Assistance with That of the Federal Government and Make Technical Changes to Recently Enacted Laws**

**PUBLIC 295**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN A	OTP-AM	H-112 S-319   COLLINS R

This bill changes the amount of money the Department of Transportation pays a displaced individual due to a property acquisition for a project in which state dollars are used as funding. The bill removes the monetary limit and adds language that would align Maine with the amount allowed under the most current version of the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. The bill applies to payment for moving and related expenses, replacement housing for homeowners and replacement housing for tenants and others.

### **Committee Amendment "A" (H-112)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

### **Senate Amendment "A" (S-319)**

This amendment corrects a drafting error in L.D. 1440, the so-called Highway Fund budget, to remove two items that were voted out by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation but were not removed in the committee amendment.

### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2017, chapter 295 changes the amount of money the Department of Transportation pays a displaced individual due to a property acquisition for a project in which state dollars are used as funding. The law removes the monetary limit and adds language that would align Maine with the amount allowed under the most current version of the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. The law applies to payment for moving and related expenses, replacement housing for homeowners and replacement housing for tenants and others.

Public Law 2017, chapter 295 also corrects a drafting error in L.D. 1440, the so-called Highway Fund budget, to remove two items that were voted out by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation but were not removed in the committee amendment.