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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 1395      Resolve, To Name the Bridge over the Androscoggin River between the Towns of Peru and Mexico the PFC Buddy Wendall McLain Memorial Bridge** **RESOLVE 9**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PICKETT R KEIM L	OTP-AM	H-125

This resolve designates Bridge 2019, which crosses the Androscoggin River between the Town of Peru and the Town of Mexico, the Buddy Wendall McLain Bridge.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-125)**

This amendment designates Bridge 2019, which crosses the Androscoggin River between the Town of Peru and the Town of Mexico, the PFC Buddy Wendall McLain Memorial Bridge.

**Enacted Law Summary**

Resolve 2017, chapter 9 designates Bridge 2019, which crosses the Androscoggin River between the Town of Peru and the Town of Mexico, the PFC Buddy Wendall McLain Memorial Bridge.

**LD 1398      An Act To Allow Vehicles Registered as Wreckers To Transport 2 Vehicles** **ONTP**

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

This bill allows a vehicle registered as a wrecker to transport two vehicles on its body instead of one vehicle as in current law.

**LD 1400      An Act To Create the Bar Harbor Port Authority** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANGLEY B		

This bill provides for the creation of the Bar Harbor Port Authority.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

**LD 1403      An Act Regarding Drug Testing in the Transportation Sector** **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

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

***Joint Standing Committee on Transportation***

This bill requires all flaggers, including those who are privately employed, at state-funded or federally funded highway construction sites on public ways to submit to substance abuse testing, which may be based on probable cause or random, in compliance with current law regarding substance abuse testing of employees. The Department of Transportation is required to adopt rules to implement testing for all flaggers; the rules must be consistent with the law regarding substance abuse testing and may be based on existing state policy.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-87)**

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 1426      An Act To Allow the Use of Biotopic or Telescopic Corrective Lenses To Meet the Vision Examination Requirements for a Class C Driver's License** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VOLK A	ONTP	

In lieu of a vision test, current law allows a person applying for a driver's license to submit a certificate signed by a doctor, optometrist, registered nurse or other person approved by the Secretary of State attesting to the person's visual acuity and field of vision. This bill allows a person employing this option with regard to a Class C license to use telescopic or biotopic corrective lenses for the purpose of meeting vision examination standards as long as the doctor, optometrist, registered nurse or person approved by the Secretary of State certifies that the patient's condition does not interfere with the safe operation of a motor vehicle.

**LD 1439      Resolve, To Study the Placement of Vehicle Charging Stations on Maine's Highways** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CASAS O MASON G	ONTP	

This resolve establishes the Commission To Study the Placement of Vehicle Charging Stations on Maine's Highways. The commission is charged with studying the placement of vehicle charging stations on Maine's highways and related costs. The commission is required to submit a report containing its findings and recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature by December 6, 2017.

**LD 1440      An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019** **PUBLIC 283  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN A COLLINS R	OTP-AM	H-504

Part A makes allocations of funds for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019.