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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

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 Biotpic 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 biotpic 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.