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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

and deploy for testing purposes an automated driving system on a public way.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2017, chapter 46 establishes the Commission on Autonomous Vehicles to coordinate efforts among state agencies and knowledgeable stakeholders to inform the development of a process to allow an autonomous vehicle tester to demonstrate and deploy for testing purposes an automated driving system on a public way.
Resolve 2017, chapter 46 also requires that the Commissioner of Transportation, in consultation with the Commission on Autonomous Vehicles, establish a process to evaluate and authorize an autonomous vehicle tester to demonstrate and deploy for testing purposes an automated driving system on a public way.

LD 1727 Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in Surry the Old Surry Schoolhouse Bridge RESOLVE 31

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

This resolve designates Bridge 5977 in the Town of Surry the Old Surry Schoolhouse Bridge.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2017, chapter 31 designates Bridge 5977 in the Town of Surry the Old Surry Schoolhouse Bridge.

LD 1750 An Act To Allow the Operation of Autocycles on Roads in Maine ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| MIRAMANT D GILLWAY J | ONTP | |

This bill allows a person licensed for the operation of a motor vehicle to legally operate an autocycle on roads in this State.

LD 1752 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Pilotage Requirements for Passenger Ferry Service between Maine and Nova Scotia ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| DION M | ONTP | |

This bill amends the pilotage requirements for vessels providing regularly scheduled passenger ferry service between Maine and Nova Scotia.

LD 1754 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Prioritize and Increase the Funding for Rural Roads ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| JACKSON T STANLEY S | ONTP | |

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This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to prioritize and increase funding for the construction and repair of rural roads, giving the highest priority to rural roads that provide the greatest economic benefit to the State.

LD 1777 An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2019 **P & S 10**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| COLLINS R | OTP-AM | S-351 |

This bill makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2019 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-351)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2017, chapter 10 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2019 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

LD 1779 An Act To Increase Safety, Ensure Efficient Operation and Improve Traffic Flow on the Maine Turnpike by Requiring All-electronic Toll Collection at New and Reconstructed Toll Facilities **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| BLUME L HILL D | ONTP | |

This bill requires the Maine Turnpike Authority to install and implement only an electronic toll collection system, also known as an all-electronic tolling system, for any reconstructed or newly constructed toll facility on the turnpike.

LD 1806 An Act To Ensure Equity in the Funding of Maine's Transportation Infrastructure by Imposing an Annual Fee on Hybrid and Electric Vehicles **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PARRY W | ONTP OTP-AM | |

This bill imposes a surcharge, dedicated to the Highway Fund, on the annual registration of a hybrid motor vehicle in the amount of \$150 and of a battery-electric motor vehicle in the amount of \$250.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-644)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, decreases the proposed surcharge on the annual registration of a hybrid motor vehicle from \$150 to \$50 and of a battery-electric motor vehicle from \$250 to \$125.