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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 129th 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 129th Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. 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 7 Resolve, To Name a Bridge in the Town of Lincoln and the Town of Chester the Master Sergeant Gary Gordon Bridge RESOLVE 1

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HANINGTON S JAVNER K	OTP	

This resolve designates Bridge 3790, which crosses the Penobscot River between the Town of Lincoln and the Town of Chester, the Master Sergeant Gary Gordon Bridge.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 1 designates Bridge 3790, which crosses the Penobscot River between the Town of Lincoln and the Town of Chester, the Master Sergeant Gary Gordon Bridge.

LD 10 An Act To Provide That Inspections of New Motor Vehicles Are Valid for 2 Years ONTP

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

This bill 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. After this time period has passed, the motor vehicle is required to have an annual motor vehicle safety inspection.

LD 17 Resolve, Designating a Portion of Route 1 in Downeast Maine the Hannah and Rebecca Weston Trail RESOLVE 2

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUELL W	OTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to designate Route 1 from its intersection with Route 1A in the Town of Jonesboro to the southern entrance to the Jeremiah O'Brien Memorial Bridges in the Town of Machias the Hannah and Rebecca Weston Trail.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 2 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Route 1 from its intersection with Route 1A in the Town of Jonesboro to the southern entrance to the Jeremiah O'Brien Memorial Bridges in the Town of Machias the Hannah and Rebecca Weston Trail.

LD 19 An Act To Require Newly Purchased Public School Buses To Be Equipped with School Bus Crossing Arms PUBLIC 413 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREIGHT J MILLETT R	OTP-AM	H-190

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

This bill requires school buses to be equipped with a school bus crossing arm, which is a device requiring students to walk at least 10 feet in front of the school bus to cross the roadway.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-190)

This amendment, rather than requiring all school buses to be equipped with a school bus crossing arm, requires school buses of model year 2021 or newer to be equipped with a school bus crossing arm. This amendment also clarifies the definition of "school bus crossing arm" and sets the minimum and maximum length of a school bus crossing arm. This amendment also makes the bill an emergency, to take effect when approved.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 413 requires school buses of model year 2021 or newer to be equipped with a school bus crossing arm. It also defines "school bus crossing arm" and sets the minimum and maximum length of a school bus crossing arm.

Public Law 2019, chapter 413 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 20, 2019.

LD 32	Resolve, Naming a Highway and Renaming a Bridge in the Town of Whiting	RESOLVE 3
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUELL W MOORE M	OTP	

This resolve requires the Department of Transportation to designate a portion of U.S. Route 1 in the Town of Whiting the Brigadier General John Crane Memorial Highway and to rename the New Crane Bridge in the Town of Whiting the Purple Heart Veterans Memorial Bridge.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 3 requires the Department of Transportation to designate a portion of U.S. Route 1 in the Town of Whiting the Brigadier General John Crane Memorial Highway and to rename the New Crane Bridge in the Town of Whiting the Purple Heart Veterans Memorial Bridge.

LD 39	Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in Waterville as the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge	RESOLVE 5
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MADIGAN C CYRWAY S	OTP	

This resolve designates Bridge 1457 on Interstate 95, which crosses Main Street in the City of Waterville, the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 5 designates Bridge 1457 on Interstate 95, which crosses Main Street in the City of Waterville, the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge.