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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 129<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 129<sup>th</sup> 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*

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.

<b>LD 32</b>	<b>Resolve, Naming a Highway and Renaming a Bridge in the Town of Whiting</b>	<b>RESOLVE 3</b>
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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.

<b>LD 39</b>	<b>Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in Waterville as the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge</b>	<b>RESOLVE 5</b>
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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.