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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.

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LD 487 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Study the Corner of Smithwheel Road and Ocean Park Road and the Intersection of Saco Avenue, Temple Street and Old Orchard Road in Old Orchard Beach **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHENETTE J GRAMLICH L	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Town of Old Orchard Beach, to study the corner of Smithwheel Road and Ocean Park Road, which connects to the I-195 spur, and the intersection of State Route 5, which is also known as Saco Avenue, with Temple Avenue and Old Orchard Road and determine whether a roundabout or an alternative layout is needed.

LD 491 An Act To Regulate the Brightness of Headlights **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS P	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to amend the current law to reduce the maximum candlepower of a motor vehicle headlight to increase the safety for an oncoming motor vehicle.

LD 526 An Act To Require Horse-drawn Carriages and Wagons To Be Equipped with Reflectors **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY S	ONTP	

This bill requires vehicles propelled or drawn by a horse and operated at night to have a rear reflector of a specific size and color.

LD 546 An Act To Enhance Highway Safety by Strengthening the So-called Move Over Law **PUBLIC 254**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND B	OTP-AM	S-98

This bill increases from \$250 to \$350 the minimum fine for passing a stationary authorized emergency vehicle using an emergency light or a stationary public service vehicle using its authorized lights and failing to pass in a lane that is not adjacent to the stationary vehicle or, if passing in a nonadjacent lane would be impossible or unsafe, failing to pass at a careful and prudent speed.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-98)

This amendment increases the minimum fine from \$250 to \$275 for passing a stationary authorized emergency vehicle using an emergency light or a stationary public service vehicle using its authorized lights and failing to pass

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in a lane that is not adjacent to the stationary vehicle or, if passing in a nonadjacent lane would be impossible or unsafe, failing to pass at a careful and prudent speed.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 254 increases the minimum fine from \$250 to \$275 for passing a stationary authorized emergency vehicle using an emergency light or a stationary public service vehicle using its authorized lights and failing to pass in a lane that is not adjacent to the stationary vehicle or, if passing in a nonadjacent lane would be impossible or unsafe, failing to pass at a careful and prudent speed.

LD 571 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Initiate a Service Development Plan for Commuter and Passenger Train Service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHEATS B CLAXTON N		

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to initiate a service development plan for commuter and passenger train service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn area. The plan must indicate the locations of railway stations in towns along the corridor route and include an environmental impact statement for each station site. It directs the department to submit a progress report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by January 15, 2020.

This resolve was carried over to any special or regular session, or both, of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

LD 586 An Act Regarding the Department of Transportation's Use of Sediment Erosion Control Systems ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL D FOLEY R	ONTP	

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to specify whether a biodegradable or nonbiodegradable sediment erosion control system will be used for a project by the department and requires that nonbiodegradable sediment erosion control systems be removed with 90 days of a project's completion.

LD 597 Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project Authorizing the Use of Traffic Surveillance Cameras on Castine Road in Orland ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROSEN K CAMPBELL D	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to establish a pilot project allowing the use of traffic surveillance cameras to prove or enforce a violation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A on Castine Road in Orland and requires the department to submit a report evaluating the results of the pilot project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by January 15, 2021.