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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 83 An Act To Amend the Law Regarding Resale by a Motor Vehicle Dealer ONTP
To Permit the Dealer To Use a Copy of a Certificate of Title

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DRINKWATER G	ONTP	

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill allows a dealer selling a motor vehicle to use a copy of the valid certificate of title instead of the original valid certificate of title.

LD 380 An Act To Revise the Calculation of Tolls Established for the Maine Leave to Withdraw
State Ferry Service Pursuant to Joint
Rule

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DOUDERA V HERBIG E		

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill requires the Department of Transportation, by rule, to establish ferry tolls for each route of travel that are based upon the cost of service for vehicles, freight and passengers, and allows the department to provide discounted tolls for frequent usage of the Maine State Ferry Service. This bill also requires that the Marine Highway account must fund 100% of the capital costs and no more than 75% of the operating costs of the Maine State Ferry Service.

LD 571 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Conduct an RESOLVE 138
Economic Feasibility Study for Commuter and Passenger Train Service
between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn Area

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHEATS B CLAXTON N	OTP-AM	H-736

This resolve was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

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.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

Committee Amendment "A" (H-736)

This amendment replaces the resolve and does the following.

1. It directs the Department of Transportation to conduct an economic feasibility study for commuter and passenger train service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn area.
2. It requires the department to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by February 1, 2021.
3. It allows the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters to submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature based on the findings provided in the department's report.
4. It requires that 1/3 of the costs of the study must come from the Multimodal Transportation Fund under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 4210-B and 2/3 of the costs must be provided by municipalities that would be directly impacted by the commuter and passenger train service and private entities interested in the commuter and passenger train service.
5. It provides that no funds may be transferred to the department for the purpose of conducting the study unless the department receives commitments from the municipalities and private entities sufficient to fund 2/3 of the costs of the study.
6. It provides that if municipalities and private entities have not committed to providing the required funding for the study by August 1, 2020, the department is not authorized to accept any funds or conduct the study.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 138 does the following.

1. It directs the Department of Transportation to conduct an economic feasibility study for commuter and passenger train service between Portland and the Lewiston and Auburn area.
2. It requires the department to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by February 1, 2021.
3. It allows the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters to submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature based on the findings provided in the department's report.
4. It requires that 1/3 of the costs of the study must come from the Multimodal Transportation Fund under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 4210-B and 2/3 of the costs must be provided by municipalities that would be directly impacted by the commuter and passenger train service and private entities interested in the commuter and passenger train service.
5. It provides that no funds may be transferred to the department for the purpose of conducting the study unless the department receives commitments from the municipalities and private entities sufficient to fund 2/3 of the costs of the study.
6. It provides that if municipalities and private entities have not committed to providing the required funding for the study by August 1, 2020, the department is not authorized to accept any funds or conduct the study.