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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*

**LD 599      An Act To Ensure Fair Access and Pricing for Residents Who Use the      CARRIED OVER**  
**Maine State Ferry Service**

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

This bill requires that state support to the Marine Highway account must fund 100% of the capital and operating costs of the Maine State Ferry Service. It also requires the Department of Transportation to establish, by rule, ferry tolls separately for each route of travel and to adopt no later than November 1, 2019 the toll rates that were in effect on May 20, 2018.

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

**LD 656      An Act To Increase the Penalty for Passing a School Bus with Its Red      ONTP**  
**Lights Flashing**

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

This bill increases the penalties for passing a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing. The new penalties are:

1. The assessment of six demerit points on a driver's license;
2. A fine of \$2,000; and
3. A term of imprisonment of 90 days.

**LD 668      Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Convene a      ONTP**  
**Work Group To Study Improving Traffic Safety for Color-blind Drivers**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ARATA A	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to convene a work group of interested parties and persons with expertise in traffic light systems and technology to study requiring new traffic lights to accommodate color-blind drivers. It requires the study to include an analysis of the effectiveness of the available technology and its costs. The department is directed to submit a report on its study, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by December 4, 2019. The joint standing committee is authorized to report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

**LD 689      An Act Regarding Temporary Signs Related to an Event That Are      CARRIED OVER**  
**Placed in the Public Right-of-way**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN B		