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### STATE OF MAINE

 $129^{\text{th}}$  Legislature First Special and Second Regular Sessions



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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129<sup>th</sup> Legislature First Regular Session



# 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 Legislatur	$\cdot e$
CON RES XXX	2S
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	d
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES	d
DIED IN CONCURRENCE defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation die	d
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation die	d
EMERGENCYenacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment	ıt
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGEemergency failed to receive required 2/3 vot	te
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE failed to receive final majority vot	te
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENTlegislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vot	te
HELD BY GOVERNOR Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent sessio	n
LEAVE TO WITHDRAWsponsor's request to withdraw legislation grante	d
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODYruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation die	
INDEF PPindefinitely postponed; legislation die	d
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation die	
P&S XXXchapter # of enacted private & special law	w
PUBLIC XXX	w
RESOLVE XXX	
VETO SUSTAINEDLegislature failed to override Governor's vet	0

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 Maine State Ferry Service

Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
HERBIG E		
DOUDERA V		

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 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.

## LD 689 An Act Regarding Temporary Signs That Are Placed in the Public Right-of-way

**PUBLIC 594** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
CHIPMAN B	OTP-AM	S-393

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

This bill limits the placement of temporary signs related to an event in the public right-of-way by prohibiting their placement more than six weeks before the event.

#### Committee Amendment "A" (S-393)

This amendment prohibits a temporary sign from being placed within the public right-of-way for more than six weeks from January 1st to June 30th or for more than six weeks from July 1st to December 31st.

#### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 594 prohibits a temporary sign from being placed within the public right-of-way for more than six weeks from January 1st to June 30th or for more than six weeks from July 1st to December 31st.

### LD 778 An Act To Create the Fund for Municipalities To Improve Pedestrian Safety

**ONTP** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
LIBBY N	ONTP	
BRYANTM		

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

#### Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

This bill establishes the Fund for Municipalities To Improve Pedestrian Safety as a program account in the Highway Fund within the Department of Transportation. The bill provides that the fund must be used for pedestrian safety improvements, such as lights, paint, signs, speed bumps and reconstruction of intersections. The bill also provides that a municipality or a group of municipalities may apply for funding from the fund. Up to 80% of project costs for pedestrian safety improvements may be financed from the fund with the remainder of the costs provided by the municipality or group of municipalities, except that up to 100% of proposed project costs for pedestrian safety improvements may be financed from the fund if the project is located within an area identified by the Department of Transportation as a dangerous intersection based on pedestrian crash data. The bill also requires the department to notify municipalities of the required biennial report and pedestrian crash data. Finally, the bill provides that the Fund for Municipalities To Improve Pedestrian Safety receives revenue from uncommitted balances in the Multimodal Transportation Fund and other funds from any public or private source.

### LD 992 Resolve, To Extend the Down East Sunrise Trail from Ayers Junction to Calais

**CARRIED OVER** 

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MOORE M	ONTP	
PERRYA		

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 Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to develop a fully off-road trail corridor linking the East Coast Greenway's northern terminus at the Ferry Point International Bridge in Calais with the Down East Sunrise Trail's eastern terminus at Ayers Junction.

This bill, which had been reported out of committee but not yet taken up by the House or the Senate, was carried over to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

### LD 1034 An Act To Provide Revenue To Fix and Rebuild Maine's Transportation ONTP Infrastructure

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MCLEANA	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 does the following for the purpose of increasing revenue to the Highway Fund and for other transportation purposes.

- 1. It increases certain fees charged by the Secretary of State for driver's license examinations, temporary license plates, duplicate registrations, titles, driver's licenses, nondriver identification cards and transfers of registrations.
- 2. It increases the sales tax on the short-term rental of automobiles and certain pickup trucks and vans from 10% to 12%.
- 3. It requires 5% of the sales tax imposed on transportation-related items, such as motor vehicles and products for