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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

This bill directs the Department of Transportation to develop and implement a strategy for cargo port development that includes Bucksport and the Penobscot River Basin.

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

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N BRYANT M		

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.

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

LD 783 Resolve, To Require an Independent Analysis of the Department of Transportation's I-395/Route 9 Connector Project ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Legislature, through the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, to contract with a nongovernmental entity to perform an independent analysis of the Department of Transportation's I-395/Route 9 Connector Project and appropriates \$25,000 from the General Fund to fund the contract. The nongovernmental entity may not have a direct commercial interest in the I-395/Route 9 Connector Project and must provide a report of its analysis to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than April 19, 2019. This resolve also suspends the project until the independent analysis is complete and provides the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation with the authority to make a determination about whether the project may continue.

LD 823 An Act To Exempt Vehicles That Are 20 Years Old or Older from Titling Requirements When the Vehicles Are Recycled, Salvaged or Scrapped PUBLIC 141

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRYANT M JACKSON T	OTP-AM	H-191

This bill amends the law exempting motor vehicles from certificate of title or certificate of salvage requirements to exempt automobiles and all over-the-road commercial vehicles that are more than 15 years old, unless the Secretary of State determines it is in the best interest of the State and an applicant for certificate of title to issue a title to a

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vehicle more than 15 years old.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-191)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment, rather than exempting all vehicles more than 15 years old from titling requirements, as in the original bill, allows a vehicle that is at least 20 years old according to its model year to be recycled, salvaged or scrapped without a certificate of title.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 141 allows a vehicle that is at least 20 years old according to its model year to be recycled, salvaged or scrapped without a certificate of title.

LD 826 An Act Regarding Motor Vehicle Registration Plate Numbers ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PICKETT R KEIM L	ONTP	

This bill provides that the \$15 fee imposed to retain a motor vehicle registration number in a year in which new registration plates are issued does not apply for the retention of the registration number of a special veterans registration plate or a special disability registration plate for veterans.

LD 827 An Act Regarding the Placement of Campaign Signs ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILLINGHAM K TIMBERLAKE J	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to allow a business to move a campaign sign that is placed directly in front of a storefront.

LD 844 An Act To Prohibit Driverless Commercial Vehicles ONTP

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

This bill prohibits the operation of a commercial motor vehicle that does not have a driver in the vehicle.

LD 850 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect Signs on Interstate 95 in Island Falls ONTP

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