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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

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	

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to place signs directing motorists to the Town of Island Falls on Interstate 95 on the northbound and southbound lanes near the exit closest to the town.

LD 851 Resolve, To Effect Economies of Scale in Maine's Transportation Funding ONTP

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

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority to study their holdings and operations and propose reorganizations effecting efficiencies in both the department and the authority leading to economies of scale within the State's transportation funding regime. The department and the authority are directed to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation the results of their study and any suggested legislation by January 15, 2020. The joint standing committee is authorized to report out a bill regarding the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

LD 917 An Act Increasing Municipal Agent Fees for Motor Vehicle Registrations PUBLIC 255

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GRATWICK G FARNSWORTH D	OTP-AM	S-70 H-279 MCLEAN A

This bill allows municipal agents to charge higher service fees for registrations for motor vehicles, from \$3 to \$5 for renewals and from \$4 to \$6 for new registrations. It also allows municipal agents to charge higher service fees for registrations for all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles and watercraft, from \$1 to \$3 for renewals and from \$2 to \$5 for new registrations.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-70)

This amendment allows, but does not require, municipal agents to charge a service fee for registration of a motor vehicle, up to \$5 for a renewal and up to \$6 for a new registration. It also allows, but does not require, municipal agents to charge a service fee for registration of an all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile or watercraft, up to \$3 for a renewal and up to \$5 for a new registration.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-279)

This amendment strikes the provisions in the bill that allow an increase of municipal agent fees for watercraft, snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle registrations.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 255 allows, but does not require, municipal agents to charge a service fee for registration of a motor vehicle, up to \$5 for a renewal and up to \$6 for a new registration.