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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*

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      ONTP**  
**Funding**

<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.