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



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.

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

the repair and maintenance of motor vehicles, such as motor oil, batteries and tires, to be transferred to the Highway Fund on a monthly basis.

4. Beginning October 1, 2019, it increases the tax imposed on gasoline to 36.5ϕ per gallon and the tax imposed on special fuel to 37.7ϕ per gallon.

LD 1084 An Act Regarding the Operation of Pedal-powered Tour Vehicles

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
SANBORN H	ONTP	
SYLVESTER M	OTP-AM	

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

This bill defines "pedal-powered tour vehicle" and permits such vehicles to be used on public ways. The bill provides that a municipality may restrict the operation of a pedal-powered tour vehicle on a public way within the municipality only by requiring evidence of liability insurance and compliance with equipment standards and traffic restrictions established by the municipality.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-383)

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment restricts a person from operating a pedal-powered tour vehicle on any portion of a public way that is not within a municipality, defines "pedal-powered tour vehicle" and exempts pedal-powered tour vehicles from the definition of "motor vehicle." It subjects the operator of a pedal-powered tour vehicle to the open container laws and allows a municipality to establish additional restrictions related to open alcoholic beverage containers and the consumption of alcohol by passengers on a pedal-powered tour vehicle. The amendment also creates equipment requirements for the operation of pedal-powered tour vehicles and creates licensing requirements, which include proof of insurance, for any municipality that allows the operation of pedal-powered tour vehicles.

This amendment requires that, if a municipality allows the operation of a pedal-powered tour vehicle on a public way, the municipality must create designated zones of operation for pedal-powered tour vehicles and such zones may not include public ways with a speed limit that exceeds 15 miles per hour. The amendment also creates requirements for the operators of pedal-powered tour vehicles and allows municipalities to establish other inspection, equipment and safety standards.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1141 Resolve, D

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Construct the Merrymeeting Trail from Topsham to Gardiner

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
WARREN C	ONTP	
VITELLIE		

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

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This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to construct a recreational trail, to be known as the Merrymeeting Trail, along the existing railroad corridor owned by the department from the Town of Topsham to the City of Gardiner.

This resolve, 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 1258 An Act To Increase Access to Transportation for Workforce and Other Essential Transportation Needs

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)	<u>Committee Report</u>	Amendments Adopted
SHEATS B	OTP-AM	H-453
CHIPMAN B		

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill requires the quinquennial locally coordinated plan for regional transit submitted by each regional public transportation agency to focus on meeting workforce needs. This bill also provides funding to the Department of Transportation to support and expand local volunteer driver networks; to create a pilot purchase of service program in a selected region of the State to provide senior citizens and persons with disabilities vouchers to purchase their own transportation services; and for regional transportation providers throughout the State, split evenly between rural and urban areas, to expand their services, including addressing regional workforce needs.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-453)

This amendment provides funding to the Department of Transportation from the General Fund instead of the Highway Fund to support and expand local volunteer driver networks and for regional transportation providers through the State to expand their services. Resources must be distributed evenly between urban and rural areas.

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This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 1310 An Act To Address the Shortage of Department of Transportation Snowplow Drivers and Other Transportation Workers

ONTP

Sponsor(s)	<u>Committee Report</u>	Amendments Adopted
MIRAMANTD	ONTP	
BRYANT M		

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

This bill addresses the shortage of snowplow drivers and other transportation workers in the Department of Transportation by:

1. Establishing five new Transportation Crew Supervisor positions; and