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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*

bus, bicycle and pedestrian facilities and routes, and promoting economic development at transportation station areas and in downtown areas.

The law requires a municipality or group of municipalities to select the borders of the transportation corridor district. It requires that the formation of a transportation corridor district be approved by voter referendum in each participating municipality. The law authorizes a district's board of directors, with approval from all municipalities in the district, to change the borders of the district. It also provides that a transportation corridor district, if approved by voter referendum in each municipality participating in the district, may borrow money temporarily and issue its negotiable notes for that money and issue securities of the district.

### **LD 1269     An Act To Update the Laws Governing Child Safety Seats and Seat Belts**

**PUBLIC 299**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CYRWAY S NADEAU C	OTP-AM	S-217

This bill amends the laws governing the use of seat belts and child restraint systems in motor vehicles. It defines several types of child restraint systems and establishes requirements for the use of child restraint systems based on a child's age, height and weight. It increases the fines for violations of the law. It repeals a provision in current law making the nonuse of seat belts or the failure to secure a child not admissible in evidence in a civil or criminal trial involving a motor vehicle accident.

#### **Committee Amendment "A" (S-217)**

This amendment makes the following changes to the bill.

1. It defines "convertible child restraint system" and allows a child under 2 years of age properly secured in a convertible child restraint system to ride in a forward-facing position if the child exceeds the manufacturer recommended weight limit for a rear-facing position.
2. It retains fines for the violation of seat belt laws at current statutory levels.
3. It removes the changes in the bill regarding the inadmissibility of evidence for failure to properly secure a child.

#### **Enacted Law Summary**

Public Law 2019, chapter 299 amends the laws governing the use of seat belts and child restraint systems in motor vehicles. It defines several types of child restraint systems and establishes requirements for the use of child restraint systems based on a child's age, height and weight.

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

**CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D BRYANT M		

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