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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

2. Increasing the rate of pay for certain positions in the Department of Transportation by \$2 per hour.

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

LD 1329 **An Act To Allow Temporary Roadside Memorials for Deceased Victims of Traffic Accidents** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FOLEY R | ONTP | |

This bill allows, for a period not to exceed 180 days, the placement of a roadside memorial on a public way marking the site of the death of a person and provides penalties for tampering with or the unauthorized removal of a roadside memorial.

LD 1330 **An Act To Ensure Pedestrian Safety in Roundabouts** **Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FECTEAU J | | |

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to install whenever practicable a crosswalk at a high-use roundabout on a state highway at least 150 feet from the edge of the roundabout.

LD 1335 **An Act To Require the Department of Transportation To Place Official Business Directional Signs at Certain Intersections** **Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PEBORTH S | | |

This bill directs the Department of Transportation to place three official business directional signs directing persons to a retail establishment engaged in the business of selling ice cream in the Town of Surry.

LD 1367 **An Act To Preserve and Protect the State's Rail Corridors** **ONTP**

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| COLLINGS B DIAMOND B | ONTP | |

This bill directs the Department of Transportation to preserve and protect the rail corridors of the State for future railroad use and maintain all rail corridors in a condition that allows for their resuming railroad service.

The bill prohibits a rail corridor from being converted into or operated as a trail, used as a pathway or space for