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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

LD 1513 An Act To Amend the Date by Which an Applicant for Funds under the Local Road Assistance Program Must Provide Certification to the Department of Transportation PUBLIC 173

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN A DIAMOND B	OTP	

This bill changes from August 1st to November 1st the annual date by which an applicant for funds under the Local Road Assistance Program must provide certification to the Department of Transportation.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 173 changes from August 1st to November 1st the annual date by which an applicant for funds under the Local Road Assistance Program must provide certification to the Department of Transportation.

LD 1527 An Act To Require That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Clear of Snow and Ice When Operated on Public Ways ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WOODSOME D MASTRACCIO A	ONTP	

This bill prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle at a speed of 40 miles per hour or more on a public way with a load of solid precipitation on the motor vehicle. Failure to clear a motor vehicle is a traffic infraction subject to a \$250 fine for a first offense and \$500 for a second or subsequent offense. It exempts commercial trucks from the provision.

LD 1528 An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Motor Vehicle Fees PUBLIC 352

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND B	OTP-AM	S-164

This bill:

1. Increases the one-time fee for an out-of-rotation registration plate and for a reserved registration number from \$15 to \$25, the same as for a vanity registration plate fee;
2. Increases the registration transfer fee for a trailer under 2,000 pounds from \$5 to \$8, making the fee the same as for other registration transfers;
3. Increases the motorcycle rider education school and instructor license fees to match fees for other business licenses issued by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, such as certain dealer licenses;
4. Increases driver education school and instructor license fees to match other business license fees;
5. Increases the fee for a duplicate registration certificate from \$2 to \$5; and

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

6. Reduces the driver's license fees for persons 65 years of age and over by \$1 to provide equity in the fees assessed on driver's licenses issued to this demographic.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-164)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 352 does the following:

1. Increases the one-time fee for an out-of-rotation registration plate and for a reserved registration number from \$15 to \$25, the same as for a vanity registration plate fee;
2. Increases the registration transfer fee for a trailer under 2,000 pounds from \$5 to \$8, making the fee the same as for other registration transfers;
3. Increases the motorcycle rider education school and instructor license fees to match fees for other business licenses issued by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, such as certain dealer licenses;
4. Increases driver education school and instructor license fees to match other business license fees;
5. Increases the fee for a duplicate registration certificate from \$2 to \$5; and
6. Reduces the driver's license fees for persons 65 years of age and over by \$1 to provide equity in the fees assessed on driver's licenses issued to this demographic.

LD 1533 An Act To Eliminate Registration Plate Decals

CARRIED OVER

Sponsor(s)
MCLEAN A

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

This bill eliminates the requirement that the Secretary of State must issue annual registration plates or decals.

It repeals language setting the price for replacement decals for plates at 50¢ each.

It repeals a provision that makes it a Class E crime to attach or display on a vehicle registration plate a decal issued for another vehicle.

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

LD 1555 An Act To Improve Highway Maintenance Safety

PUBLIC 327

Sponsor(s)
DIAMOND B
MCLEAN A

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-206