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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*

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