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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.

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LD 1861 An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2021 and To Increase the Maine Turnpike Authority Revenue Bond Limit

P & S 16

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-673

This bill makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2021, in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-673)

This amendment increases the Maine Turnpike Authority revenue bond limit from \$486,000,000 to \$600,000,000.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2019, chapter 16 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2021, in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6. It also increases the Maine Turnpike Authority revenue bond limit from \$486,000,000 to \$600,000,000.

LD 1870 An Act To Create the Maine Lighthouse Trust Registration Plate

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANTD KESCHL D	OTP-AM	S-394

This bill creates the Maine Lighthouse Trust special registration plate to support lighthouse restoration and preservation efforts.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-394)

This amendment provides funding for the design and manufacture of the new Maine Lighthouse Trust license plate.

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

LD 1875 An Act Regarding the Naming of Bridges and Designating Bridge 5818 as the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge

PUBLIC 565

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHITE B CYRWAYS	OTP	

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 5818 on Interstate 95, which crosses Main Street in the City of Waterville, the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge. The bill also requires the department, when designating a bridge in this State with a specific name, to deem separate bridges that run parallel

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to one another on the same highway as one bridge for the purposes of that designation.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 565 requires the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 5818 on Interstate 95, which crosses Main Street in the City of Waterville, the Specialist Wade A. Slack Memorial Bridge. The bill also requires the department, when designating a bridge in this State with a specific name, to deem separate bridges that run parallel to one another on the same highway as one bridge for the purposes of that designation.

LD 1876 Resolve, To Name Bridge 3880 in the Town of Dresden the Veterans Memorial Bridge RESOLVE 118

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HEPLER A VITELLIE	OTP	

This resolve requires the Department of Transportation to name Bridge 3880 in the Town of Dresden the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 118 requires the Department of Transportation to name Bridge 3880 in the Town of Dresden the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

**LD 1886 Resolve, To Rename the Sibley Pond Bridge the William Harris Memorial Bridge RESOLVE 127
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DOORE D FARRIN B	OTP	

This resolve requires the Department of Transportation to rename the Sibley Pond Bridge in the Town of Canaan and the Town of Pittsfield the William Harris Memorial Bridge.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 127 requires the Department of Transportation to rename the Sibley Pond Bridge in the Town of Canaan and the Town of Pittsfield the William Harris Memorial Bridge.

Resolve 2019, chapter 127 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 18, 2020.

LD 1887 Resolve, To Reduce the Operational Costs of Ferries in the State ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCDONALD G VITELLI E	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation, Maine State Ferry Service to seek alternative fuel sources for its ferry vessels, including electricity from renewable sources, in order to help reduce or control ongoing operational costs as well as to help the State meet its climate goals. It directs the Maine State Ferry Service to develop an evaluation process to compare the cost of fuel over the anticipated service life of a vessel powered by electricity and