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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 1981 An Act Regarding the Regulation of Tiny Homes

PUBLIC 650
EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CARPENTER M	OTP-AM	S-429

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to define what a tiny house is and to allow for the titling of a tiny house as a camp trailer or a trailer.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-429)

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, and changes the title. The amendment also does the following.

1. It defines "tiny home."
2. It amends the use of temporary registration permit provisions to allow transportation of a vehicle after sale, transportation necessary for service or repairs of a vehicle, occasional seasonal relocation of a vehicle or transportation necessary for the relocation of a tiny home.
3. It provides that a temporary registration permit may not be issued for a vehicle that is otherwise subject to registration.
4. It establishes a \$100 fee for the certificate of title of a tiny home or manufactured housing.
5. It provides a process to apply for, issue and cancel certificates of title for tiny homes.
6. It requires that tiny homes be equipped with safe tires and meet the equipment requirements applicable to trailers.
7. It adds an emergency preamble and clause.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 650 does the following.

1. It defines "tiny home."
2. It amends current law on the use of temporary registration permits provisions to allow transportation of a vehicle after sale, transportation necessary for service or repairs of a vehicle, occasional seasonal relocation of a vehicle or transportation necessary for the relocation of a tiny home.
3. It provides that a temporary registration permit may not be issued for a vehicle that is otherwise subject to registration.
4. It establishes a \$100 fee for the certificate of title of a tiny home or manufactured housing.
5. It provides a process to apply for, issue and cancel certificates of title for tiny homes.
6. It requires that tiny homes be equipped with safe tires and meet the equipment requirements applicable to trailers.

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7. It adds an emergency preamble and clause.

Public Law 2019, chapter 650 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 18, 2020

**LD 1987 Resolve, To Exempt Truck Drivers Transporting Live Lobsters from
Certain Hours-of-service Restrictions** **ONTP**

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

This resolve directs the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to adopt major substantive rules amending its rules governing motor carrier safety to exempt intrastate motor carriers, vehicles and drivers delivering live lobsters from hours-of-service restrictions requiring a 30-minute rest break after eight hours of driving.

LD 1992 An Act To Broaden Eligibility for Disabled Veterans License Plates **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KEIM L	ONTP	

This bill allows veterans who have a disability rating of 50% to obtain disabled veterans license plates.

**LD 2005 An Act To Amend the Law Governing Maximum Length Limits for
Truck Tractor Semitrailers** **PUBLIC 606**

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

This bill increases the maximum length limit for the wheelbase of a semitrailer operated in combination with a truck tractor on a highway network to 45 feet, six inches.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 606 increases the maximum length limit for the wheelbase of a semitrailer operated in combination with a truck tractor on a highway network to 45 feet, six inches.

**LD 2009 An Act To Permit the Expansion of Municipal Membership of the
Greater Portland Transit District** **PUBLIC 554
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GIDEON S CARSON B	OTP	

This bill authorizes the board of directors of the Greater Portland Transit District to accept applications for membership from municipalities that are contiguous to, as well as those located wholly or partially within, the