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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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

Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 554 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 Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System.
Public Law 2019, chapter 554 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 4, 2020.

LD 2030 An Act To Provide an Appeals Process for Administrative Suspensions of Provisional Driver's Licenses ONTP

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

This bill provides the Secretary of State discretion as to whether to suspend the driver's license of a driver under 18 years of age who has violated restrictions that apply only to drivers under 18 years of age. It also provides such a driver whose license has been suspended the opportunity to request a hearing.

LD 2036 Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission To Continue Studying and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation Systems RESOLVE 112 EMERGENCY

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

This resolve was reported by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 97, section 7 to implement the recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Commission To Study and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation Systems.

This resolve establishes the Blue Ribbon Commission To Continue Studying and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation Systems to continue the work of studying funding solutions for the State's transportation systems as recommended by the report of the previous commission created by Resolve 2019, chapter 97.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2019, chapter 112 establishes the Blue Ribbon Commission To Continue Studying and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation Systems to continue the work of studying funding solutions for the State's transportation systems as recommended by the report of the previous commission created by Resolve 2019, chapter 97.
Resolve 2019, chapter 112 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective January 21, 2020.

LD 2064 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Local Bridges CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEANA		

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to notify a municipality when a bridge for which a municipality has maintenance responsibility requires a posting or closure and requires the municipality to carry out the posting or closure. Current law provides a municipality sole responsibility to determine whether such a bridge must be posted or closed. The bill provides that the department's responsibility to pay a portion of the cost of a capital improvement for a low use or redundant bridge on a town way is subject to available funds. It provides that in order for the department to accept certain responsibilities for an improved bridge or for a new bridge, the department must approve the design of the improvements or construction before the improvements are made or the bridge is constructed. The design of the improvements or construction must meet standards set by the department and be sealed by a professional engineer. The department must inspect the bridge after it is improved or constructed. The bill also changes how often the department must prepare a list of bridges that are eligible for capital improvement from biennially to annually and removes the requirement that this list be arranged in priority order using accepted bridge management principles.

This bill, which had been voted but not yet reported out of committee, was carried over in committee to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

**LD 2066 An Act To Authorize the Maine Pilotage Commission To Establish
Alternative Initial License Criteria for Existing Pilots Seeking
Endorsements for Low Traffic Volume Routes**

PUBLIC 663

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEANA	OTP-AM	H-734

This bill allows the Maine Pilotage Commission to establish alternative initial license criteria for existing pilots who are seeking low-volume route endorsements and requires the commission to adopt routine technical rules to implement any criteria that are established.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-734)

This amendment clarifies the language in the bill allowing the Maine Pilotage Commission to establish alternative initial license criteria for pilots who are seeking low traffic volume route endorsements and requiring the commission to adopt routine technical rules to implement any criteria that are established.

The amendment makes minor technical changes, including:

1. Removing a reference to "existing" pilots;
2. Clarifying how the alternative criteria relate to the current training trip requirements; and
3. Moving the new provisions to their own paragraph.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2019, chapter 663 allows the Maine Pilotage Commission to establish alternative initial license criteria for existing pilots who are seeking low-volume route endorsements and requires the commission to adopt routine technical rules to implement any criteria that are established.