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LD 1 An Act To Repeal the Law Regulating Reflective and Tinted Glass in ONTP
Automobiles

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ESPLING E BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This bill repeals the law regulating the use of reflective and tinted glass windows in automobiles.

LD 28 An Act To Allow Alternate Flashing Headlights on a School Bus PUBLIC 26

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LUCHINI L LANGLEY B	OTP ONTP	

This bill allows a school bus to be equipped with a device that provides for alternate flashing of the school bus's headlights.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 26 allows a school bus to be equipped with a device that provides for alternate flashing of the school bus's headlights.

LD 29 An Act To Reduce Penalties for Violations of the Motor Vehicle Accepted Majority
Inspection Laws (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA R COLLINS R	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill revises the fines for a violation of the laws governing inspection of motor vehicles and removes imprisonment as a penalty.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-8)

This amendment, which is the minority report, strikes the bill and instead revises the fine for a violation of operation of a vehicle without a certificate of inspection.

This amendment was not adopted.

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LD 97 An Act To Establish Speed Limits at Loring Commerce Centre and Brunswick Landing

**PUBLIC 23
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T MCCREAD D	OTP	

This bill allows the Department of Transportation and the Maine State Police to establish speed limits within the limits of the property owned by or under the control of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority in Brunswick and the Loring Development Authority of Maine in Limestone. The speed limits must be posted by the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority and the Loring Development Authority of Maine in accordance with written directions or policies of the Department of Transportation.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 23 allows the Department of Transportation and the Maine State Police to establish speed limits within the limits of the property owned by or under the control of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority in Brunswick and the Loring Development Authority of Maine in Limestone.

Public Law 2017, chapter 23 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 20, 2017.

LD 118 An Act To Require All Moped Riders under 18 Years of Age and Newly Licensed Moped Operators To Wear a Helmet

PUBLIC 51

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GROHMAN M ROSEN K	OTP-AM	H-36

This bill requires a person under 18 years of age who is operating a moped or who is a passenger on a moped to wear protective headgear, as is currently the law for motorcycle operators or riders.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-36)

This amendment provides that an operator of a moped operating under a learner's permit or within one year of successfully completing a driving test must wear protective headgear. The amendment also provides that the operator of a moped may not allow a passenger under 18 years of age to ride without protective headgear.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 51 requires an operator of a motorcycle or moped and a passenger under 18 years of age to wear protective headgear and requires an operator of a moped operating under a learner's permit or within one year of successfully completing a driving test to wear protective headgear. The law also provides that the operator of a moped may not allow a passenger under 18 years of age to ride without protective headgear.

LD 119 An Act Regarding the Display and Content of Political Signs

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ESPLING E CUSHING A	ONTP	

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Current law allows a temporary sign, including, but not limited to, a sign bearing a political message relating to an election, primary or referendum, to be placed in the public right-of-way for a maximum of six weeks per calendar year. This bill allows a temporary sign to be placed in the public right-of-way for a maximum of twelve weeks per calendar year, as long as that sign is not displayed for more than six weeks before the event to which the sign relates. This bill also removes the requirement that temporary signs be labeled with the name and address of the entity that placed the sign within the public way and the time period for which the sign will be maintained.

LD 120 An Act To Impose a Three-month Loss of a Driver's License for Driving ONTP
While Texting

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STANLEY S COLLINS R	ONTP	

This bill increases the penalty for text messaging while operating a motor vehicle by requiring the Secretary of State to suspend the person's driver's license for 90 days for each offense.

LD 134 An Act To Allow the Secretary of State To Issue Licenses Pending ONTP
Receipt of Necessary Paperwork from the Driver Education and
Evaluation Program

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

This bill allows a person who has completed the Department of Health and Human Services driver education and evaluation program to receive a driver's license upon providing documentation of completion of the program before official notice of completion is received by the Secretary of State directly from the Department of Health and Human Services. This provision is repealed on December 31, 2017.

LD 137 An Act To Increase the Safety of Motorists on Public Ways ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CYRWAY S TUELL W	ONTP	

This bill prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle with snow or ice on the front windshield or a side wing mirror or side or rear window that obstructs the operator's clear view of the way or an intersecting way. A violation is subject to a fine of \$175.

LD 154 An Act To Reform Maine's Motor Vehicle Inspection Guidelines Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA R	ONTP OTP	

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This bill provides that a motor vehicle may not fail its annual inspection for aesthetic reasons or for minor mechanical defects. A vehicle may fail the inspection only for defects that reasonably affect the safety of the vehicle.

LD 168 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Install a Caution Light in New Sweden

Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T	ONTP OTP-AM	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to install a blinking yellow caution light at the intersection of Route 161 and Station Road in the Town of New Sweden.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-5)

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the resolve.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 171 An Act To Add the Air Medal as an Option for a Special Commemorative Decal on Special Veterans Registration Plates

PUBLIC 8

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIERCE T MAKER J	OTP	

This bill allows the Secretary of State to issue special commemorative decals for use with special veterans registration plates to any person who served in the United States Armed Forces, was honorably discharged and was awarded the Air Medal.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 8 allows the Secretary of State to issue special commemorative decals for use with special veterans registration plates to any person who served in the United States Armed Forces, was honorably discharged and was awarded the Air Medal.

LD 172 An Act To Improve Officer Safety at Roadside Incidents

PUBLIC 21

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HARRINGTON M VOLK A	OTP OTP-AM	

This bill allows police vehicles to use red emergency lights. The red emergency lights may comprise up to 50% of the emergency lights used on the police vehicle.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-9)

This amendment, which is the minority report, strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment provides that emergency lights on a police vehicle may include one blue light mounted facing toward the rear of the vehicle so that the light is primarily visible to approaching traffic from the rear only.

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Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 21 provides that emergency lights on a police vehicle may include one blue light mounted facing toward the rear of the vehicle so that the light is primarily visible to approaching traffic from the rear only.

LD 207 Resolve, To Designate a Bridge in East Machias as the Norman E. Bagley Memorial Bridge RESOLVE 1

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUELL W MAKER J	OTP	

This resolve designates Bridge 3219 on Route 191 that crosses the East Machias River in the Town of East Machias the Norman E. Bagley Memorial Bridge.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2017, chapter 1 designates Bridge 3219 on Route 191 that crosses the East Machias River in the Town of East Machias the Norman E. Bagley Memorial Bridge.

LD 208 An Act To Allow Vehicles Hauling Animal Bedding To Travel over County or Town Ways without a Permit PUBLIC 25

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KINNEY M DAVIS P	ONTP OTP-AM	H-13

This bill exempts vehicles hauling animal bedding from posted road restrictions imposed by the Department of Transportation, counties or municipalities.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-13)

This amendment, which is the minority report, replaces the bill. It changes the title and removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause. The amendment provides that a vehicle delivering organic animal bedding material may travel over a county or town way without a specific municipal or county permit as long as that vehicle is operating in accordance with restrictions imposed by the applicable county or municipality.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 25 provides that a vehicle delivering organic animal bedding material may travel over a county or town way without a specific municipal or county permit as long as that vehicle is operating in accordance with restrictions imposed by the applicable county or municipality.

LD 209 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Temporary Sign Usage CARRIED OVER

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to make changes to the laws regarding categorical signs to adjust the time, placement and content

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restrictions imposed on temporary signs placed within a public right-of-way.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-111)

This amendment replaces the bill, which was a concept draft. The amendment increases the amount of time a temporary sign may be placed in the public right-of-way from a maximum of six weeks per calendar year to a maximum of 12 weeks per calendar year. The amendment clarifies that temporary signs within the public right-of-way must include or be marked with the name and address of the individual, entity or organization that placed the sign within the public right-of-way and the date the sign was erected within the public right-of-way.

This bill was reported out of committee and then recommitted to the committee; it was then carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 210	An Act To Allow Disabled Veterans To Have More Than One Set of Disabled Veteran License Plates	ONTP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WALLACE R WHITTEMORE R	ONTP	

This bill allows a disabled veteran to have a set of disabled veteran license plates for each vehicle owned by the veteran.

LD 211	An Act To Require a State Automobile Inspection Biannually	INDEF PP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA R		

This bill changes the noncommercial automobile inspection requirement from an annual inspection to a biannual inspection.

LD 216	Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect Signs on Interstate 95 Directing Motorists to Lincoln	ONTP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROSEN K HANINGTON S	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to place signs directing motorists to the Town of Lincoln on Interstate 95 on the northbound and southbound lanes near the exit closest to the town.

LD 236	An Act To Update Accessibility Requirements on Highways	PUBLIC 9
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS R MCLEAN A	OTP	

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This bill amends the section of law governing the location and construction of curbs in order to align the language to federal requirements and comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 9 amends the section of law governing the location and construction of curbs in order to align the language to federal requirements and comply with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

LD 242 An Act To Allow Extra Lights on the Front of a Motorcycle ONTP

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

This bill allows additional auxiliary lights on the front of a motorcycle.

LD 293 An Act To Require Horse-drawn Carriages and Wagons To Be Equipped with Reflectors ONTP

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

This bill requires vehicles propelled or drawn by a horse and operated at night to have a rear reflector of a specific size and color.

LD 294 Resolve, To Name the Bridge over the Penobscot River in the Towns of Enfield and Howland King's Bridge RESOLVE 3 EMERGENCY

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HANINGTON S DILL J	OTP	

This resolve names the bridge that spans the Penobscot River in the Town of Enfield and the Town of Howland King's Bridge.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2017, chapter 3 names the bridge that spans the Penobscot River in the Town of Enfield and the Town of Howland King's Bridge.

Resolve 2017, chapter 3 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 10, 2017.

LD 306 An Act To Require State Compliance with Federal REAL ID Guidelines PUBLIC 27

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND B	OTP-AM OTP-AM	S-17

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This bill repeals the law that prohibits the State from participating in the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 and the Secretary of State from changing the procedures for applying for a driver's license or nondriver identification card in a manner to conform to the federal REAL ID Act of 2005. It directs the Secretary of State to issue driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards that conform to the federal REAL ID Act of 2005.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-17)

This amendment, which is the majority report, provides that the Secretary of State may issue a driver's license or nondriver identification card that meets the standards of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005. The amendment also establishes fees for REAL ID compliant driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards.

Current law allows the Secretary of State to exempt a person from having to present documentary evidence of legal presence in the United States if that person is renewing a noncommercial driver's license and that person has continuously held a valid driver's license since December 31, 1989 or was born before December 1, 1964. Current law also provides that the Secretary of State may exempt a person from having to present documentary evidence of legal presence for a nondriver identification card if that person has held a nondriver identification card or valid driver's license since December 31, 1989 or was born before December 1, 1964. This amendment repeals these exemptions in order for the Secretary of State to comply with the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005.

The amendment allows the Secretary of State to use biometric technology, including, but not limited to, retinal scanning, facial recognition or fingerprint technology, to produce a driver's license or nondriver identification card.

This amendment also adds an allocation to the Secretary of State for implementation of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-18)

This amendment, which is the minority report, strikes the bill and replaces it with a resolve. The amendment requires the Secretary of State to request a waiver of the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 from the United States Department of Homeland Security pending the results of federal legislation. The amendment requires the Secretary of State to establish a process to provide a passport card or passport book to residents of Maine who do not have the required photographic identification to access federal or federally controlled facilities or to board commercial aircraft and demonstrate significant financial hardship, making the fee for a passport card or passport book cost-prohibitive. The amendment also requires the Secretary of State to administer an educational campaign about the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 and the availability of the United States Department of State passport cards and passport books as an option to access federal facilities and commercial aircraft and the opportunity for Maine residents who require financial assistance to apply for a state-funded passport card or passport book. The funds for these purposes are in an amount approximately equal to the Secretary of State's estimated cost of up to \$3,000,000 to implement the federal REAL ID Act of 2005. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause and provides a one-time allocation to the Secretary of State to issue passport cards and passport books.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 27 provides that the Secretary of State may issue a driver's license or nondriver identification card that meets the standards of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005. The law also establishes fees for REAL ID compliant driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards.

Public Law 2017, chapter 27 repeals certain exemptions in the law in order for the Secretary of State to comply with the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005.

Public Law 2017, chapter 27 allows the Secretary of State to use biometric technology, including, but not limited to, retinal scanning, facial recognition or fingerprint technology, to produce a driver's license or nondriver identification card.

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LD 314 An Act Concerning Emergency Lights on Police Vehicles

INDEF PP

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

This bill was not referred to committee.

This bill permits the use of a combination of blue and red emergency lights on police vehicles and on certain other vehicles used by law enforcement, corrections and court security personnel.

LD 315 Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Apply for Funds for Rail Improvements

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N SHEATS B	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to pursue various federal passenger rail grants and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than December 1, 2017 on the details of the grant applications, the amount of state matching funds required and recommendations for how the State can be a more competitive applicant for federal passenger rail grants.

LD 371 An Act To Allow a Truck Carrying Perishable Products To Operate on a Posted Road without a Permit

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOHANSEN C JACKSON T	ONTP	

This bill exempts commercial motor vehicles hauling perishable products from the restrictions on ways requiring special protection by the Department of Transportation, counties or municipalities.

LD 381 An Act To Allow Delivery Vehicles To Display Lighted Advertising Signs

Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLETT R MCLEAN A	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill allows a delivery vehicle to display a lighted advertising sign on its roof.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-238)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment allows a privately owned automobile used for home delivery of commercially prepared food to display an illuminated sign at nighttime and during delivery.

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This amendment was not adopted.

**LD 393 An Act To Clarify That the Department of Transportation Is Exempt
from Property Assessment Liabilities When Acquiring Property by
Condemnation**

PUBLIC 40

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GILLWAY J COLLINS R	OTP-AM	H-23

This bill clarifies that the Department of Transportation is not required to pay taxes or assessments on property it acquires for transportation purposes. The bill provides that the previous property owner is not liable for assessments or other tax liabilities on the condemned property for any period of time during which that owner no longer owns the property.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-23)

This amendment strikes the provisions in the bill that provide that the previous property owner is not liable for assessments or other tax liabilities on the condemned property for any period of time during which that owner no longer owns the property and that determine the time period for the pro rata portion of property taxes paid by the previous property owner.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 40 clarifies that the Department of Transportation is not required to pay taxes or assessments on property it acquires for transportation purposes.

**LD 434 An Act To Allow Certain Vehicles To Make a Right Turn on a Red Light
Even When Prohibited**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BATTLE K MIRAMANT D	ONTP	

This bill allows the operator of a lightweight vehicle facing a steady and circular red light, after stopping for a reasonable amount of time, to proceed cautiously through the intersection before the light on the traffic-control device turns green if no other vehicles are present at the intersection to actuate the traffic-control device. "Lightweight vehicle" means a motorcycle, moped or bicycle, including a motorized bicycle, motorized tricycle or motorized scooter or a motor vehicle not heavy enough to actuate a traffic-control device sensor.

**LD 435 Resolve, To Study the Feasibility and Cost of Providing Passenger Rail
Service to the City of Bangor**

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUNPHY M GRATWICK G	ONTP OTP-AM	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to study the feasibility and cost of providing passenger rail service to the City of Bangor.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-26)

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This amendment provides \$300,000 to fund the cost of studying the feasibility and cost of providing passenger rail service to Bangor.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 436 An Act To Allow Intermediate Driver's License Holders To Drive ONTP
between Midnight and 5:00 a.m. for School Activities

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

This bill allows a student at a secondary school holding an intermediate driver's license to operate a motor vehicle between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. if the operation of the motor vehicle is required for a school-sanctioned activity.

LD 437 An Act Concerning Maine's Transportation Infrastructure ONTP

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to enact measures designed to strengthen the laws concerning transportation infrastructure in the State.

LD 444 An Act To Increase the Maximum Registered Gross Weight Allowed for PUBLIC 43
Vehicles with Disabled Veterans or Special Veterans Registration Plates

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THIBODEAU M GILLWAY J	OTP	

This bill increases from 10,000 pounds to 26,000 pounds the upper registered gross weight limit of vehicles that may have disabled veteran or special veterans registration plates.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 43 increases from 10,000 pounds to 26,000 pounds the upper registered gross weight limit of vehicles that may have disabled veteran or special veterans registration plates.

LD 460 An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for P & S 3
the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December
31, 2018

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	S-8

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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, 2018 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-8)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Private and Special Law 2017, chapter 3 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, 2018 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

LD 494 An Act Regarding the Department of Transportation ONTP

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

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to amend the laws governing the Department of Transportation.

LD 495 An Act To Protect Historic Places and Structures on the Federal Aid Highway System ONTP

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

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act when performing construction or maintenance on a federal aid highway that involves or affects a structure or place listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

LD 500 An Act To Allow the Formation of Transportation Corridor Districts Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D BEEBE-CENTER P	OTP ONTP	

This bill provides for the formation of transportation corridor districts within the current law relating to transit districts and regional transportation corporations. The bill provides that a municipality may, by itself or in cooperation with one or more other municipalities, form a transportation corridor district for the purposes of providing an environment to fund public transportation and accessibility needs, including passenger rail, ferry, bus, bicycle and pedestrian facilities and routes, and promoting economic development at transportation station areas and in downtown areas.

The bill requires a municipality or group of municipalities to select the borders of the transportation corridor

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district. The bill requires that the formation of a transportation corridor district be approved by a voter referendum in each participating municipality. The bill authorizes a district's board of directors, with approval from all municipalities in the district, to change the borders of the district. The bill also provides that a transportation corridor district, if approved by voter referendum in each municipality participating in the district, may borrow money temporarily and issue its negotiable notes for that money and issue securities of the district.

LD 542 An Act To Increase Railroad Freight Safety

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RYKERSON D MIRAMANT D	ONTP	

This bill requires a railroad company or railroad authority to ensure that there are at least two employees on a freight train traveling on a railroad line within the State, except for a freight train traveling for hostler service, and includes a penalty provision.

LD 584 An Act To Create the Fund for Municipalities To Improve Pedestrian Safety

CARRIED OVER

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

This bill establishes the Fund for Municipalities To Improve Pedestrian Safety as a program account in the Highway Fund within the Department of Transportation. The bill provides that the fund must be used for pedestrian safety improvements, such as lights, paint, signs, speed bumps and reconstruction of intersections. The bill also provides that a municipality or a group of municipalities may apply for funding from the fund. Up to two-third of project costs for pedestrian safety improvements may be financed from the fund with the remainder of the costs provided by the municipality or group of municipalities.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 591 An Act To Require Motorists To Yield to Transit Buses

Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHIPMAN B	OTP-AM ONTP	S-133

This bill allows municipalities to adopt local ordinances requiring vehicle operators to yield the right-of-way to a bus.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-133)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment requires an operator of a vehicle to yield the right-of-way to a transit bus traveling in the same direction if the transit bus has signaled and is reentering the traffic flow from a bus stop or shoulder of the roadway.

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LD 623 An Act To Require Biennial State Motor Vehicle Inspections

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEARNS P	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill changes noncommercial automobile inspection requirements from an annual inspection to a biennial inspection.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-37)

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill and changes the title. It provides that a new motor vehicle that has had an inspection is not required to have another inspection until two years from the last day of the month in which it was initially registered and then four years from the last day of the month in which it was initially registered. After this time period has passed, the motor vehicle is required to have an annual motor vehicle safety inspection.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 624 An Act Concerning the Transporting of Dogs in Passenger Vehicles

ONTP

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

This bill regulates the transportation of a dog in the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle by:

1. Requiring the dog to be harnessed or tethered in a manner that prevents injury to an occupant or the dog in the event of an accident;
2. Prohibiting allowing the dog to be in the front seat between an occupant and the steering wheel or between an occupant and the dashboard; and
3. Prohibiting allowing the dog to put its head out of the passenger compartment when the motor vehicle is in motion.

This bill does not apply to a dog used for law enforcement purposes while on duty in a vehicle being used for law enforcement purposes.

**LD 636 An Act To Require the Department of Transportation To Use 3rd-party
Certified Examiners for Lead Inspections**

ONTP

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

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to enter into a contract with a third-party lead inspector to conduct a lead inspection for each project to construct, demolish or maintain transportation infrastructure.

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LD 649 An Act To Allow for Charitable Donation Stops on Local Roads Only

**Accepted Majority
(ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILLINGHAM K	ONTP OTP	

This bill allows a charitable nonprofit organization that has received municipal and local law enforcement authorization to stop traffic to solicit a contribution on a town way.

LD 709 An Act Regarding the License Restrictions for New Drivers

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEWART H CARPENTER M	ONTP	

This bill allows the Secretary of State to waive up to 90 days of the 270-day period of restrictions for a person with an intermediate license if that person applies for a waiver of the period of license restrictions. The bill directs the Secretary of State to adopt rules to establish the application criteria and process by which a person may qualify for a waiver of the period of license restrictions for a person with an intermediate license. The bill also provides that the Secretary of State may not accept the application of a minor for a waiver unless the application is signed by a parent or guardian; signed by the spouse of the minor, as long as the spouse is 18 years of age or older; if the minor does not have a parent, guardian or spouse who is 18 years of age or older, signed by an employer if the employer is 18 years of age or older; or accompanied by an attested copy of a court order of emancipation.

**LD 710 An Act Regarding Emergency Lights on Firefighters' Personal Vehicles
Used When Responding to Emergency Calls**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STEWART H CARPENTER M	ONTP	

This bill allows municipal and volunteer firefighters who are responding to emergency calls in personal vehicles to use red or red and white emergency lights on the rear of the vehicles similar to those permitted to be used on the front of the vehicles.

**LD 711 An Act To Revise the Laws Governing Learner's Permits and
Intermediate Driver's Licenses and Driver Education Textbook
Requirements**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KINNEY M MAKER J	ONTP	

This bill increases from six to 12 months the amount of time a person under 21 years of age must hold a driver learner's permit. It restricts to parents and siblings the passengers a person under 18 years of age holding an intermediate driver's license may drive with and changes the hours such a person may drive from between the hours

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of 5 a.m. and 12 a.m. to between the hours of 5 a.m. and 9 p.m., except that it allows such a person working at night to drive until 10 p.m. It also amends the law regarding the Secretary of State's duties to require the adoption of a driver education curriculum and the use of textbooks developed by a nationwide automobile association.

LD 712 Resolve, To Designate a Portion of Route 43 in Corinth, Exeter and RESOLVE 5
Corinna the Donald Strout, Sr., Memorial Highway

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUCHESNE R CUSHING A	OTP	

This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to designate Route 43 from its intersection with Route 15 in the Town of Corinth to its intersection with Route 7 in the Town of Corinna the Donald Strout, Sr., Memorial Highway.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2017, chapter 5 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Route 43 from its intersection with Route 15 in the Town of Corinth to its intersection with Route 7 in the Town of Corinna the Donald Strout, Sr., Memorial Highway.

LD 724 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the State's Rail Authority Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY N GOLDEN J	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill transfers the budget approval authority for the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority from the Department of Transportation to the Legislature. It requires the authority to present its annual report to a joint meeting of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs. It also requires the authority to hold timely and appropriate forums for public input and vetting of significant projects throughout the project selection, design and implementation processes. Finally, the bill directs the passenger rail advisory council within the Department of Transportation to meet four times a year and to serve as a public forum for input on passenger rail planning and provide the public with updates on the operational, capital and financial structure of passenger and freight railroad operations in the State.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-42)

This amendment places the Passenger Rail Advisory Council, established in the bill, in a different section of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23; provides more detail about membership, staff and number of meetings; and removes freight rail operations from the council's oversight. Unlike the bill, the amendment requires no changes in the annual reporting by the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to the Legislative Council or to the Commissioner of Transportation.

This amendment was not adopted.

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LD 752 An Act To Enhance the Safety of Schoolchildren by Requiring the Posting of the School Zone Speed Limit ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HILLIARD G MIRAMANT D	ONTP	

This bill requires schools to post school zone speed limit warning signs.

LD 785 An Act To Improve Safety and Traffic Efficiency near School Grounds PUBLIC 132

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIPPING R DILL J	OTP-AM	H-159

This bill allows a school crossing guard to direct traffic.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-159)

This amendment clarifies that failure to obey a school crossing guard is a traffic infraction. The amendment provides that school crossing guards are under the control of a local law enforcement agency only and not a school administrative unit. The amendment specifies that a school crossing guard must complete training approved by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards in order to control traffic on a public way. The amendment also provides that a school crossing guard may direct traffic only in an intersection with a marked crosswalk on a public way. Finally, the amendment provides that a school crossing guard may not contradict or override a lighted traffic control device or pedestrian control device.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 132 allows a school crossing guard to direct traffic and provides that failure to obey a school crossing guard is a traffic infraction. The law provides that school crossing guards are under the control of a local law enforcement agency and not a school administrative unit. The law specifies that a school crossing guard must complete training approved by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards in order to control traffic on a public way. The law also provides that a school crossing guard may direct traffic only in an intersection with a marked crosswalk on a public way. Finally, the law provides that a school crossing guard may not contradict or override a lighted traffic control device or pedestrian control device.

LD 786 An Act To Require Center Line Markings on All State and State Aid Highways ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TURNER B MAKER J	ONTP	

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to install center line markings on all state and state aid highways and to establish a system by which certain state and state aid highways are designated as having a low traffic count. Center line markings installed on those highways are required to be repainted every two years.

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LD 787 An Act To Ease the Financial Burden on Maine Motorists by Repealing ONTP
the Requirement That Certain Motor Vehicles Be Inspected

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA R BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This bill repeals statutory provisions that require motor vehicles registered in the State to have an annual motor vehicle inspection.

LD 788 An Act To Require Motor Vehicles To Be Registered on a Biennial Basis ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA R BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This bill changes the annual registration requirement and fee for automobiles, pickup trucks registered for 10,000 pounds or less and sport utility vehicles to a biennial registration at a fee of \$50.

LD 789 Resolve, To Require Infrastructure Projects Affecting Interstate 295 To ONTP
Be Expedited

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

This resolve requires the Department of Transportation to expedite the planning, execution and completion of any existing infrastructure project affecting Interstate 295.

LD 790 Resolve, To Name the Bridge between Indian Township and the Town of ONTP
Princeton the Sakom John Stevens Bridge

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

This resolve names the bridge that spans the outlet of the Grand Falls Flowage into Lewy Lake on U.S. Route 1 between Indian Township and the Town of Princeton the Sakom John Stevens Bridge.

LD 824 An Act To Curb Drug-impaired Driving INDEF PP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DION M PIERCE T		

This bill was not referred to committee.

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This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to enact measures designed to curb drug-impaired driving.

LD 827 An Act To Repeal the Laws Governing Truck Camper Registration

PUBLIC 67

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THIBODEAU M	OTP ONTP	

This bill repeals the registration requirements for truck campers, which are slide-in campers designed to be mounted on a truck body to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or other use.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 67 repeals the registration requirements for truck campers, which are slide-in campers designed to be mounted on a truck body to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or other use.

LD 877 An Act To Allow Learner's Permits To Be Issued by Driver Education Schools

PUBLIC 79

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SCHNECK J CARPENTER M	OTP-AM ONTP	H-38

This bill allows the provider of a driver education course to collect fees and application materials for a learner's permit and to issue a learner's permit to a person following receipt by the Secretary of State of the fees, the application materials and a course completion certificate.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-38)

This amendment clarifies that, in addition to the Secretary of State, the provider of a driver education course may issue a learner's permit and removes the requirement that the provider of a driver education course may only issue a learner's permit forwarded by the Secretary of State after the Secretary of State has received the fees for a learner's permit, any required application materials for a learner's permit and a course completion certificate.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 79 provides that, in addition to the Secretary of State, the provider of a driver education course may issue a learner's permit.

LD 878 An Act To Allow Municipalities To Permit the Operation of Golf Carts on Municipally Owned Streets

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DENNO D BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This bill allows municipalities to designate certain public ways as golf cart access routes, similar to existing provisions of law allowing municipalities to designate certain public ways as all-terrain vehicle access routes, and to pass ordinances requiring the registration of golf carts used on the access routes and for the safe operation and required safety features of those golf carts.

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LD 905 An Act To Authorize the Construction of a Maine Turnpike Connector to Gorham

PUBLIC 68

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN A VOLK A	OTP-AM	H-61

This bill authorizes the construction of a connector in Cumberland County from Route 114 in South Gorham to an interchange on the Maine Turnpike if, after completing an evaluation of reasonable alternatives, as required by the Sensible Transportation Policy Act, the Maine Turnpike Authority determines that there is no reasonable alternative to the construction of a connector to meet the identified need. The bill also provides that the Maine Turnpike Authority may provide for the issuance of special obligation or subordinate bonds, not exceeding \$150,000,000, to pay for planning, design and construction of this project.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-61)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 68 authorizes the construction of a connector in Cumberland County from Route 114 in South Gorham to an interchange on the Maine Turnpike if, after completing an evaluation of reasonable alternatives, as required by the Sensible Transportation Policy Act, the Maine Turnpike Authority determines that there is no reasonable alternative to the construction of a connector to meet the identified need. The law also provides that the Maine Turnpike Authority may provide for the issuance of special obligation or subordinate bonds, not exceeding \$150,000,000, to pay for planning, design and construction of this project.

LD 923 An Act To Establish an Enhanced Driver's License for Qualified Maine Residents To Facilitate Travel across Certain International Borders

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREIGHT J JACKSON T	ONTP	

This bill provides that the Secretary of State may issue a driver's license or nondriver identification card that meets the standards of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative developed by the United States Department of State and the United States Department of Homeland Security. The bill also establishes fees for these driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards.

LD 960 An Act To Use State Employees and Resources for Transportation Bond Projects

Died Between Houses

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MIRAMANT D GRANT G	OTP-AM ONTP	

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to use to the extent practicable state employees and resources to perform the planning, designing and engineering required for transportation projects financed by bonding.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-36)

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This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 963 An Act To Require Certain Personnel on a Bridge Painting Project To Be Certified ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T MCLEAN A	ONTP	

This bill requires a certified coating application specialist or other person who is certified for field application of coatings to industrial structures by a nationally recognized association for industrial protective coatings to be present at all times when surface preparation for or coating application of paint on a bridge is being performed. For any work involving cleaning, rehabilitation, surface preparation for or coating application of paint on a bridge on which lead may be present, the bill requires that a certified coating application specialist for hazardous coatings or other person certified for field removal of hazardous coatings by a nationally recognized association for industrial protective coatings must be present at all times when the work is being performed.

LD 977 An Act To Allow a Motorist To Make a Left Turn at a Red Light under Certain Conditions ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT T DION M	ONTP	

This bill allows a motor vehicle operator to make a left turn at a red light after stopping if not prohibited by a sign such as "NO LEFT TURN ON RED" or "NO TURN ON RED" and the operator yields the right-of-way to pedestrians on a crosswalk and to a vehicle having a green signal at the intersection.

LD 989 An Act Regarding Towed Vehicle Charges and Notice to the Secretary of State of Towed and Abandoned Vehicles ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MASON G PICCHIOTTI J	ONTP	

This bill amends the law regarding holding or storing a vehicle and its accessories, contents and equipment to make it apply to any vehicle that has been towed and limits the amount of money that may be charged for storage of the vehicle to three days' storage fees unless notice is given to the Secretary of State no sooner than three days following receipt of the vehicle and no later than five days following receipt. It prohibits a person holding or storing the vehicle from charging a total amount more than \$900 for a 30-day period or a prorated amount for a greater or lesser period of time and provides that that person may not give notice of an abandoned vehicle to the Secretary of State until the vehicle has been in the person's possession for 30 days.

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LD 1009 Resolve, To Require the Maine Turnpike Authority To Study the Feasibility of Constructing a Gorham Connector ONTP

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

This resolve requires the Maine Turnpike Authority to examine the feasibility of the authority's planning, designing and constructing a connector from the Town of Gorham to the Maine Turnpike. The authority is required to examine all reasonable alternatives and report its findings and recommendations, including funding methods, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, which may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature based on the report of the authority.

LD 1010 An Act To Allow for the Regulation of Transportation Network Companies at Airports Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FARNSWORTH R DION M	OTP-AM OTP-AM ONTP	H-123 S-145 DION M

This bill allows a municipality to adopt an ordinance governing the operations of a transportation network company at an airport located within that municipality.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-123)

This amendment, which is the majority report, removes the provisions of the bill and instead provides that a primary airport with at least 20,000 enplaned passengers annually may regulate the traffic flow and parking for and charge reasonable fees to a transportation network company in a manner consistent with the airport's regulation of other reserved transportation providers.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-124)

This amendment, which is one of two minority reports, removes the provisions of the bill and instead provides that a primary airport as designated by the Federal Aviation Administration that annually has at least 20,000 enplaned passengers may charge a transportation network company reasonable pick-up fees consistent with fees charged to other reserved transportation providers at the airport and may negotiate and enter into an operating agreement with a transportation network company.

This amendment was not adopted.

Senate Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (S-145)

This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

LD 1011 An Act To Require Pedestrians To Wear Reflective Clothing on Public Ways after Sunset ONTP

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

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This bill requires a pedestrian walking on a public way after sunset and before sunrise to wear reflective clothing or a reflective device that is visible at least 200 feet from the front.

LD 1022 An Act Regarding the Contents of a Commercial Vehicle Towed without the Consent of the Vehicle's Owner PUBLIC 120

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARRY W COLLINS R	OTP-AM	H-153

This bill requires a person who tows a commercial motor vehicle without consent to provide an itemized invoice, including a notice to direct complaints about overcharging to the traffic division of the State Police, and provides for a fine for failure to itemize an invoice. It provides a definition of "commercial motor vehicle" in language modeled on 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 390.5. It provides that a customer is not liable for a charge not included on the itemized invoice. It also prohibits a person holding or storing a commercial motor vehicle from holding the vehicle's cargo.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-153)

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. Like the bill, the amendment requires a person who tows a commercial motor vehicle without consent to provide an itemized invoice before demanding payment for any charge relating to a commercial vehicle nonconsensual tow. Unlike the bill, the amendment does not require that a person holding or storing a towed vehicle place on the invoice a notice to direct complaints about overcharging to the traffic division of the State Police. The amendment also does not impose a penalty for failure to itemize an invoice or post the required notice or for the improper impoundment of contents or cargo of a commercial motor vehicle, all of which are required in the bill. Like the bill, the amendment defines "commercial motor vehicle" and "commercial motor vehicle nonconsensual tow." The amendment adds a definition of "perishable cargo."

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 120 requires a person who tows a commercial motor vehicle without consent to provide an itemized invoice before demanding payment for any charge relating to a commercial vehicle nonconsensual tow.

LD 1024 Resolve, To Direct the Secretary of State To Initiate the Process To Redesign Special Veterans Registration Plates ONTP

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

This resolve requires the Secretary of State to initiate the process to redesign the special veterans registration plate.

LD 1025 An Act To Allow Stepparents To Sign the Application for a Driver's License for a Minor Veto Sustained

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

This bill allows a stepparent to sign the application of a minor for a driver's license.

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LD 1034 An Act Making Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

**PUBLIC 91
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS R MCLEAN A	OTP-AM OTP-AM	S-35

Part A makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund for the expenditures of State Government necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Part B carries forward any unexpended balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories as of June 30, 2017 to the All Other line category in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, Highway Fund for use in the next fiscal year.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-34)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-35)

This amendment limits the carry-forward in Part B to \$500,000 of any unexpended balance.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 91 makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund for the expenditures of State Government necessary to the proper operations of State Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Public Law 2017, chapter 91 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 26, 2017.

LD 1059 An Act Concerning Bridges on Discontinued Town Ways

PUBLIC 154

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARRY W	OTP-AM	H-317

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to enter into an agreement regarding a bridge when the town way carried by the bridge is being discontinued by the municipality, or county in the case of an unorganized territory. The agreement must be made with the municipality or county or with another state agency and must require the municipality or county or state agency to be responsible for the ownership and possible maintenance of the bridge or to understand that the department may choose to remove the bridge. The bill also provides that an inspection pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 563 may occur only on a bridge or minor span on a public way.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-317)

This amendment requires a municipality or county that proposes to discontinue a town way or public easement with a bridge to negotiate with and enter into an agreement with the department to remove the bridge or transfer ownership of the bridge to a municipality, county or state agency upon discontinuance of the town way or public

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easement.

The amendment also requires that an order of discontinuance of a town way or public easement filed with the municipal clerk must specify the location of any bridge under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation on the town way or public easement and the status of negotiations with respect to the disposition of the bridge.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 154 clarifies that an inspection pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 563 may occur only on a bridge or minor span on a public way. The law requires a municipality or county that proposes to discontinue a town way or public easement with a bridge to negotiate with and enter into an agreement with the department to remove the bridge or transfer ownership of the bridge to a municipality, county or state agency upon discontinuance of the town way or public easement. The law also requires that an order of discontinuance of a town way or public easement filed with the municipal clerk must specify the location of any bridge under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation on the town way or public easement and the status of negotiations with respect to the disposition of the bridge.

LD 1069 *Resolve, To Increase the Availability of Motorcycle Rider Education* ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRADSTREET R CYRWAY S	ONTP	

This resolve directs the Department of the Secretary of State to amend its rules on motorcycle rider education regarding instructor teaching hours, motorcycle school requirements and inspections and the number of students allowed in a class.

LD 1089 *An Act To Prohibit the Use of Handheld Phones and Devices While Driving* Veto Sustained

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DIAMOND B	OTP-AM	S-272

This bill prohibits a person from using a mobile telephone or handheld electronic device while operating a motor vehicle unless the mobile telephone or handheld electronic device allows for hands-free operation and the hands-free feature of the mobile telephone or electronic handheld device is in fact being used by a person 18 years of age or older or the mobile telephone or handheld electronic device is being used in order to communicate with law enforcement or emergency services personnel under emergency circumstances.

The bill retains the prohibition in current law against the use of a mobile telephone or handheld electronic device, both handheld and hands-free use, for a person who has been issued an intermediate driver's license or for a person under 18 years of age.

The bill provides that the penalty for a first offense of the prohibition against using a mobile telephone or handheld electronic device while operating a motor vehicle is \$75. The bill also provides that the penalty for a second or subsequent offense within a three-year period is \$150.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-272)

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment repeals the provision of law that prohibits a person who has been issued a learner's permit from operating a motor vehicle while using a handheld electronic device or mobile

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telephone. The amendment repeals the section of law that prohibits minors from operating a motor vehicle while using a handheld electronic device and mobile telephone. The amendment also repeals the section of law that prohibits any person from operating a motor vehicle while engaging in text messaging.

The amendment incorporates the definition of "mobile telephone" into the definition of "handheld electronic device." The amendment excludes text messaging from the definition of "using" to reflect the different penalties for using a handheld electronic device and for text messaging while operating a motor vehicle.

Like the bill, the amendment expands the prohibition on minors and a person who has been issued a learner's permit operating a motor vehicle while using a handheld electronic device to prohibit all persons operating a motor vehicle from using a handheld electronic device.

Like the bill, the amendment includes exceptions to the prohibition against using a handheld electronic device while operating a motor vehicle that allow for hands-free operation of the device and for using a handheld electronic device to communicate with law enforcement or emergency services personnel under emergency circumstances. The exceptions do not apply to text messaging.

Like the bill, the amendment provides that the penalty for a first offense of the prohibition against using a handheld electronic device while operating a motor vehicle is \$75 and the penalty for a second or subsequent offense within a three-year period is \$150.

The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 1101	Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Review and Recommend Updates to the Maine Motorcycle Driver Education Program	ONTP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PICCHIOTTI J	ONTP	

This bill directs the Secretary of State to review and recommend updates to the motorcycle driver education provisions based upon changes of law and current trends and conditions and to report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, which may report out a bill based upon the report to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

LD 1115	An Act To Establish a Specialty License Plate for Female Veterans	ONTP
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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This bill requires the Secretary of State to make available a special veterans registration plate for female veterans and a special disability registration plate for female veterans, which have the same design as the special veterans registration plate and the special disability registration plate except that the "V" designation is pink in color.

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LD 1145 An Act To Allow the Department of Transportation To Recover Costs ONTP
Incurred by the Department for Allowing Access to a Controlled Access
Highway

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

This bill provides that, when the Department of Transportation allows access onto a controlled access highway because the access will not adversely affect public safety and will not have a significant negative impact on the mobility of through-travelers, the department may recover from the applicant costs incurred by the department to allow access and any costs associated with maintaining the mobility of through-travelers, plus the lesser of the amount the department determines was paid to the landowner to extinguish rights of access on the portion of land to be used to gain access to the highway, adjusted by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, and the difference between the appraised value of the affected property without the access and the appraised value of the affected property with the access.

The bill also provides that, when the department allows access onto a controlled access highway when the property abuts no other road affording vehicular access to the applicant's property, the department may recover from the applicant costs incurred by the department to allow access and any costs associated with maintaining the mobility of through-travelers, plus the lesser of the amount the department determines was paid to the landowner to extinguish rights of access on the portion of land to be used to gain access to the highway, adjusted by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, and the difference between the appraised value of the affected property without the access and the appraised value of the affected property with the access.

LD 1149 An Act To Provide Revenue To Fix and Rebuild Maine's Infrastructure CARRIED OVER

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

This bill does the following for the purpose of increasing the revenue to the Highway Fund.

1. It increases by \$3 to \$10 certain fees charged by the Secretary of State for driver's license examinations, temporary license plates, nondriver identification cards, issuance of duplicate registrations, titles, licenses and nondriver identification cards and transfers of registrations.
2. It imposes a \$200 surcharge, dedicated to the Highway Fund, on the registration of hybrid motor vehicles, battery-electric motor vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell motor vehicles.
3. It requires 10% of the sales tax imposed on transportation-related items, such as motor vehicles and the products for the repair and maintenance of motor vehicles, such as motor oil, batteries and tires, to be transferred to the Highway Fund on a monthly basis.
4. It increases the tax imposed on motor vehicle fuel by 7¢ per gallon, to 36.5¢ per gallon, beginning October 1, 2017.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

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LD 1150 Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Transportation Funding Reform Died On Adjournment

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN A MIRAMANT D	OTP-AM ONTP	H-318

This resolve establishes a task force to guide the development of a pilot program to assess the potential for mileage-based revenue collection for the State's highways and bridges as an alternative to the gas tax system. The task force is required to submit a report and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than February 5, 2018. Following receipt and review of the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation has authority to submit legislation relating to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-318)

This amendment, which is the majority report, strikes and replaces the resolve. The amendment establishes the Commission To Study Transportation Funding Reform. The commission is required to study how to reform and adequately supplement funding for the State's transportation infrastructure to promote equity, sustainability and predictability in a manner that allows the State to responsibly provide a safe and reliable transportation system. The commission is required to report its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than December 6, 2017. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

LD 1169 An Act To Exempt Temporary Categorical Signs from the Identification Label Requirement for 6 Weeks Prior to the June and November Elections ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS R DUNPHY M	ONTP	

This bill exempts a temporary sign that is within a public right-of-way during the six weeks prior to a primary election in June or a general election in November from the requirement that the sign be labeled with the name and address of the individual, entity or organization that placed the sign within the public right-of-way and the designated time period the sign will be maintained within the public right-of-way.

LD 1225 An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Inspection Program Requirements for New Rental Vehicles First Registered in Maine Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CUSHING A	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill allows the initial inspection of new rental motor vehicles to last two years or 36,000 miles, whichever occurs earlier.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-134)

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This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill and changes the title. It provides that a new motor vehicle that has had an inspection is not required to have another inspection until two years from the last day of the month in which it was initially registered. The amendment also provides that the inspection sticker fee for the one-time two-year inspection of a new motor vehicle is \$7. After this time period has passed, the motor vehicle is required to have an annual motor vehicle safety inspection.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1226 An Act To Keep Maine's Transportation Infrastructure Safe by ONTP
Providing More Sources of Revenue for the Highway Fund

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

This bill identifies three revenue sources to increase funding to the Highway Fund for transportation infrastructure.

This bill:

1. Imposes an annual registration fee of \$250 on hybrid vehicles and \$350 on electric vehicles instead of the annual \$35 fee imposed on other passenger vehicles;
2. Requires municipalities to spend revenue they collect from excise taxes on transportation projects within their municipality; and
3. Diverts from municipalities to the Highway Fund the excise tax collected on trucks and truck tractors that haul trailers.

LD 1248 An Act To Improve Public Transportation in Maine CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN A	OTP-AM ONTP	H-144

This bill provides funding to the Department of Transportation to support and expand local volunteer driver networks; to create a pilot purchase of service program in a selected region of the State to provide senior citizens and persons with disabilities vouchers to purchase their own transportation services; and for regional transportation providers throughout the State to expand their services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-144)

This amendment decreases the amounts of funding provided to the Department of Transportation from \$500,000 to \$250,000 to support and expand local nonprofit volunteer driver networks; from \$500,000 to \$250,000 to create a pilot purchase of service program in selected regions of the State to provide senior citizens and persons with disabilities vouchers to purchase their own transportation services; and from \$13,000,000 to \$1,500,000 for recipients of Federal Transit Administration funds throughout the State to expand their services. The amendment also provides that funding provided to the Department of Transportation is appropriated from the General Fund rather than allocated from the Highway Fund as proposed in the bill.

This bill was reported out of committee and then carried over to the next special or regular session of the 128th Legislature on the Special Appropriations Table by joint order, S.P. 601.

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LD 1249 An Act To Create the Emergency Medical Services Registration Plate

PUBLIC 302

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HEAD F MAKER J	OTP-AM ONTP	H-160

This bill provides for issuance of special firefighter registration plates for emergency medical services persons. The bill also provides that the issuance of special firefighter registration plates for emergency medical services persons for those eligible is contingent upon the Secretary of State's receiving donations from public or private sources to cover the cost of the registration plates.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-160)

This amendment strikes the provision in the bill that provides for issuance of special firefighter registration plates for emergency medical services persons. Instead, the amendment provides for the issuance of emergency medical services registration plates for emergency medical services persons who are licensed by the Emergency Medical Services' Board and certified by the Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Public Safety. The amendment also strikes the contingent effective date in the bill and requires the Secretary of State to issue emergency medical services registration plates on or after January 1, 2018. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 302 provides for the issuance of emergency medical services registration plates for emergency medical services persons who are licensed by the Emergency Medical Services' Board and certified by the Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Public Safety. The law also requires the Secretary of State to issue emergency medical services registration plates on or after January 1, 2018.

LD 1250 An Act To Ensure That Handicapped Parking Is Properly Enforced

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RILEY C GRATWICK G	ONTP	

This bill requires a law enforcement officer to enforce disability parking restrictions on public property and on private property open to public use. The bill provides that the court may suspend up to half of the fine for a violation of disability parking restrictions and impose a nonmonetary sanction meant to educate the offender about accommodating persons with disabilities. The bill also provides that fines collected for violations of disability parking restrictions must be remitted to the municipality in which the violation occurred.

LD 1251 An Act Regarding Certain Abandoned Vehicles and Notice to the Secretary of State Regarding Those Vehicles

PUBLIC 240

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN A	OTP-AM	H-341

This bill requires a person who tows a motor vehicle or stores a motor vehicle that has been towed due to being illegally parked or left standing, at the direction of a law enforcement officer or due to being left on property without permission as soon as practicable after receipt of the motor vehicle to notify the owner or lienholder of the

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need to retrieve the motor vehicle and pay all towing, storage and authorized repair charges or risk losing title to the vehicle. The bill requires waiver of any towing or storage fee if notification to the owner or lienholder has not been timely made or if the notification to the Secretary of State has not been made within 14 days after receipt of the vehicle as required by law unless the person who tows or stores the towed vehicle makes a good faith attempt to notify the owner or lienholder and notify the Secretary of State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-341)

This amendment replaces the bill and changes the title. The amendment applies to a vehicle that is left at a storage facility, if the owner failed to pay storage or rental fees, and to a vehicle left at a place of business after being repaired pursuant to a written work order signed by the person requesting the repair work.

The amendment provides that the owner of the premises where a vehicle is stored or the owner's agent is required to notify the Secretary of State that the owner or owner's agent is in possession of the vehicle. That notification must be submitted to the Secretary of State within 14 days after the date on which the vehicle owner is responsible for any unpaid charges for authorized repair or for storage and any related towing expenses incurred by the owner or the owner's agent in possession of the vehicle.

The amendment also clarifies that if notification is not submitted to the Secretary of State, the person holding the vehicle may not collect more than 14 days of storage fees.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 240 applies to a vehicle that is left at a storage facility, if the owner failed to pay storage or rental fees, and to a vehicle left at a place of business after being repaired pursuant to a written work order signed by the person requesting the repair work.

The law provides that the owner of the premises where a vehicle is stored or the owner's agent is required to notify the Secretary of State that the owner or owner's agent is in possession of the vehicle. That notification must be submitted to the Secretary of State within 14 days after the date on which the vehicle owner is responsible for any unpaid charges for authorized repair or for storage and any related towing expenses incurred by the owner or the owner's agent in possession of the vehicle. The law also clarifies that if notification is not submitted to the Secretary of State, the person holding the vehicle may not collect more than 14 days of storage fees.

LD 1252 An Act To Permit the Operation of Certain All-terrain Vehicles on Public Ways

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARTIN D JACKSON T	ONTP	

This bill allows the operation of an all-terrain vehicle, or ATV, on a public way as long as the ATV is registered and meets specified safety equipment requirements and the operator is licensed and has insurance. This bill establishes an annual registration fee of \$33, the same as for ATVs under current law that are not permitted on a public way. This bill prohibits the operation of an ATV on a public way with a posted speed limit of more than 50 miles per hour. The Department of Transportation may adopt rules or a municipality or county may adopt an ordinance to restrict or prohibit the operation of an ATV on a way if the department, county or municipality determines that the restriction or prohibition is necessary in the interest of public safety.

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LD 1277 An Act To Require the Secretary of State To Inform Commercial Drivers about Human Trafficking Prevention

PUBLIC 192

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GIDEON S VOLK A	OTP-AM	H-240

This bill requires that, beginning April 1, 2018, an applicant for a new commercial driver's license complete in person or online a nationally recognized training program on preventing human trafficking in the trucking industry as a requirement to receive a license. It also requires that all new and renewed commercial driver's licenses be accompanied by a wallet-sized card that outlines signs of and how to report human trafficking and includes a telephone number for a national human trafficking hotline.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-240)

This amendment strikes the requirement in the bill that an applicant for a new commercial driver's license complete a nationally recognized training program on preventing human trafficking in the trucking industry. It retains the provision in the bill that requires that all new and renewed commercial driver's licenses be accompanied by information that outlines how to recognize human trafficking and how to report human trafficking and includes a telephone number for a national human trafficking hotline.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 192 requires that all new and renewed commercial driver's licenses be accompanied by information that outlines how to recognize human trafficking and how to report human trafficking and includes a telephone number for a national human trafficking hotline.

LD 1310 An Act To Establish a Driver's License Suspension Amnesty Day

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DEVIN M MIRAMANT D	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to establish a program in which a person who has outstanding traffic tickets with unpaid fines that have resulted in the suspension of that person's driver's license is eligible, for a limited time, to pay a reduced fine per ticket in order to reinstate that person's driver's license. It is based on a similar program in Vermont.

This bill will establish criteria for eligibility for participation in the program, including which offenses qualify, the amount that an eligible person must pay and when the program will be held.

LD 1312 Resolve, To Investigate Extending Passenger Rail Service to Central Maine

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<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FREY A	ONTP OTP-AM	

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This resolve directs the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority and interested municipalities and planning organizations, to conduct a study and complete a plan for the implementation of passenger rail service in the State northward and westward from existing passenger rail routes. The resolve provides funding to complete the study from a one-time Highway Fund allocation of \$300,000 in the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-154)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1318 An Act To Align State Relocation Assistance with That of the Federal Government and Make Technical Changes to Recently Enacted Laws

PUBLIC 295

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN A	OTP-AM	H-112 S-319 COLLINS R

This bill changes the amount of money the Department of Transportation pays a displaced individual due to a property acquisition for a project in which state dollars are used as funding. The bill removes the monetary limit and adds language that would align Maine with the amount allowed under the most current version of the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. The bill applies to payment for moving and related expenses, replacement housing for homeowners and replacement housing for tenants and others.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-112)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-319)

This amendment corrects a drafting error in L.D. 1440, the so-called Highway Fund budget, to remove two items that were voted out by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation but were not removed in the committee amendment.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 295 changes the amount of money the Department of Transportation pays a displaced individual due to a property acquisition for a project in which state dollars are used as funding. The law removes the monetary limit and adds language that would align Maine with the amount allowed under the most current version of the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970. The law applies to payment for moving and related expenses, replacement housing for homeowners and replacement housing for tenants and others.

Public Law 2017, chapter 295 also corrects a drafting error in L.D. 1440, the so-called Highway Fund budget, to remove two items that were voted out by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation but were not removed in the committee amendment.

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LD 1328 An Act To Promote Bicycle Safety by Placing Warning Signs on Certain Public Ways ONTP

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

This bill requires the Department of Transportation and municipalities to place bicycle warning signs on public ways that have speed limits over 35 miles per hour and have lanes in which a motor vehicle and a bicycle cannot safely travel side by side. The bill also requires state income tax returns to include a voluntary checkoff of \$5 or more to help pay for the signs.

LD 1347 An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Driver's License Fees ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HERBIG E VOLK A	ONTP	

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to provide equity in the laws governing driver's license fees for persons under 65 years of age and persons 65 years of age or older.

LD 1351 An Act Regarding the Length of Time a Temporary Sign May Be Placed in a Public Way ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DILL J STANLEY S	ONTP	

Current law allows temporary signs to be placed within a public right-of-way for a maximum of six weeks in a calendar year. This bill increases to approximately 12 weeks the amount of time that a temporary sign may be placed within a public right-of-way but restricts the use of those signs to election years by specifying that they may be placed during the period from May 1st before a primary election to the Sunday immediately following that primary election and from October 1st before a general election to the Sunday immediately following that general election.

LD 1394 An Act Regarding Certain License Plates for Veterans and Providing for a Breast Cancer Support Services Disability Plate ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HANINGTON S CUSHING A	ONTP	

This bill reduces the number of special veterans registration plates that may be issued to a veteran from three to two, charges the annual service fee for a veterans vanity plate only for three years and provides for issuance of a breast cancer support services disability registration plate.

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LD 1395 Resolve, To Name the Bridge over the Androscoggin River between the Towns of Peru and Mexico the PFC Buddy Wendall McLain Memorial Bridge **RESOLVE 9**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PICKETT R KEIM L	OTP-AM	H-125

This resolve designates Bridge 2019, which crosses the Androscoggin River between the Town of Peru and the Town of Mexico, the Buddy Wendall McLain Bridge.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-125)

This amendment designates Bridge 2019, which crosses the Androscoggin River between the Town of Peru and the Town of Mexico, the PFC Buddy Wendall McLain Memorial Bridge.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2017, chapter 9 designates Bridge 2019, which crosses the Androscoggin River between the Town of Peru and the Town of Mexico, the PFC Buddy Wendall McLain Memorial Bridge.

LD 1398 An Act To Allow Vehicles Registered as Wreckers To Transport 2 Vehicles **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T MCCREAD	ONTP	

This bill allows a vehicle registered as a wrecker to transport two vehicles on its body instead of one vehicle as in current law.

LD 1400 An Act To Create the Bar Harbor Port Authority **CARRIED OVER**

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

This bill provides for the creation of the Bar Harbor Port Authority.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 1403 An Act Regarding Drug Testing in the Transportation Sector **Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON T	ONTP OTP-AM	

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This bill requires all flaggers, including those who are privately employed, at state-funded or federally funded highway construction sites on public ways to submit to substance abuse testing, which may be based on probable cause or random, in compliance with current law regarding substance abuse testing of employees. The Department of Transportation is required to adopt rules to implement testing for all flaggers; the rules must be consistent with the law regarding substance abuse testing and may be based on existing state policy.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-87)

This amendment incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1426 An Act To Allow the Use of Biotopic or Telescopic Corrective Lenses To Meet the Vision Examination Requirements for a Class C Driver's License **ONTP**

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

In lieu of a vision test, current law allows a person applying for a driver's license to submit a certificate signed by a doctor, optometrist, registered nurse or other person approved by the Secretary of State attesting to the person's visual acuity and field of vision. This bill allows a person employing this option with regard to a Class C license to use telescopic or biotopic corrective lenses for the purpose of meeting vision examination standards as long as the doctor, optometrist, registered nurse or person approved by the Secretary of State certifies that the patient's condition does not interfere with the safe operation of a motor vehicle.

LD 1439 Resolve, To Study the Placement of Vehicle Charging Stations on Maine's Highways **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CASAS O MASON G	ONTP	

This resolve establishes the Commission To Study the Placement of Vehicle Charging Stations on Maine's Highways. The commission is charged with studying the placement of vehicle charging stations on Maine's highways and related costs. The commission is required to submit a report containing its findings and recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature by December 6, 2017.

LD 1440 An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019 **PUBLIC 283
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN A COLLINS R	OTP-AM	H-504

Part A makes allocations of funds for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

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Part B provides funding for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C changes the allocation of funding for the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police from 35% from the Highway Fund and 65% from the General Fund, to 100% from the General Fund.

Part D recognizes an increase in the attrition rate from 1.6% to 5% for the 2018-2019 biennium for judicial branch and executive branch departments and agencies.

Part E allows the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to issue up to \$50,000,000 of GARVEE bonds for highway and bridge needs.

Part F requires the State Controller to transfer amounts exceeding \$100,000 from the unallocated balance in the Highway Fund after all commitments to the Highway and Bridge Capital, Highway Light Capital and Maintenance and Operations programs within the Department of Transportation for capital needs.

Part G authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to transfer Highway Fund Personal Services balance available at the end of each fiscal year to the Department of Transportation Highway and Bridge Capital, Highway Light Capital and Maintenance and Operations programs for capital or all other needs. The funds may be allocated by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and the approval of the Governor.

Part H requires the State Controller to transfer \$6,253,259 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$6,328,638 in fiscal year 2018-19 from the unallocated surplus of the Highway Fund to the TransCap Trust Fund.

Part I allows TransCap Trust Fund nonbond funds to be used for capital projects with an anticipated useful life of five years or more.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-504)

This amendment removes the change in the allocation of funding in the bill and instead increases certain examination fees charged by the Secretary of State for driver's license examinations. The effective date of these fee increases is January 1, 2018.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2017, chapter 283 does the following.

Part A makes allocations of funds for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

Part B provides funding for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C increases certain examination fees charged by the Secretary of State for driver's license examinations. The effective date of these fee increases is January 1, 2018.

Part D recognizes an increase in the attrition rate from 1.6% to 5% for the 2018-2019 biennium for judicial branch and executive branch departments and agencies.

Part E allows the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to issue up to \$50,000,000 of GARVEE bonds for highway and bridge needs.

Part F requires the State Controller to transfer amounts exceeding \$100,000 from the unallocated balance in the Highway Fund after all commitments to the Highway and Bridge Capital, Highway Light Capital and Maintenance and Operations programs within the Department of Transportation for capital needs.

Part G authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to transfer Highway Fund Personal Services balance

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available at the end of each fiscal year to the Department of Transportation Highway and Bridge Capital, Highway Light Capital and Maintenance and Operations programs for capital or all other needs. The funds may be allocated by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and the approval of the Governor.

Part H requires the State Controller to transfer \$6,253,259 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$6,328,638 in fiscal year 2018-19 from the unallocated surplus of the Highway Fund to the TransCap Trust Fund.

Part I allows TransCap Trust Fund nonbond funds to be used for capital projects with an anticipated useful life of five years or more.

Public Law 2017, chapter 283 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 1, 2017.

See also LD 1318.

LD 1460 *An Act To Remove the Secretary of State's Authority To Authorize Agents To Issue Noncommercial Driver's License Renewals and Nondriver Identification Card Renewals* ONTP

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

This bill removes the authority of the Secretary of State to appoint agents authorized to issue noncommercial driver's license renewals, duplicates of noncommercial driver's license renewals and nondriver identification card renewals.

LD 1523 *An Act To Exempt Motor Vehicles Less than 12 Years Old from Inspection* Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CEBRA R	ONTP OTP-AM	

This bill exempts a motor vehicle that is less than 12 years old from inspection.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-319)

This amendment, which is the minority report, incorporates a fiscal note.

This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1524 *An Act To Amend Maine Motor Vehicle Laws* PUBLIC 165

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HANINGTON S	OTP-AM	H-316

This bill amends the motor vehicle and traffic laws to:

1. Clarify the definition of the word "wrecker" to specify that it applies only when the vehicle is in the act of

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towing or carrying a vehicle or freeing a stuck vehicle;

2. Decriminalize certain provisions of law regarding fuel tax licensing and reporting. Displaying a false fuel use identification decal remains a Class D crime;
3. Specify that the version of the federal regulations incorporated by reference into rules of the Department of Public Safety is the most current version as filed with the Secretary of State;
4. Increase the class of crime from a Class E to a Class D crime for operating, or permitting the operation of, a motor vehicle without proof of financial responsibility and to a Class C crime if death or serious bodily injury results from an accident involving that motor vehicle;
5. Clarify that the exemption from inspection requirements for antique autos applies only if the vehicle is registered as an antique auto;
6. Require a truck tractor owner or operator to display on both sides of the truck tractor the name of the owner or lessee in letters that meet the standards set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations. Current law specifies the size of the letters;
7. Correct an error in the statute pertaining to splash guards to exempt a truck tractor from having splash guards when it is hauling a trailer or semitrailer;
8. Reallocate from the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22 to Title 29-A the statute that prohibits a person from smoking in a motor vehicle when a person who has not attained 16 years of age is present in that motor vehicle; and
9. Clarify the statute governing vehicle lengths so that it explicitly states the statute applies to recreational vehicles and so that it conforms certain vehicle lengths to federal law.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-316)

Under current law, the definition of "wrecker" specifically excludes a vehicle designed to carry or tow more than one vehicle on its own body. This amendment amends that definition to include a vehicle designed to carry or tow up to two vehicles on its own body.

The amendment also strikes redundant language that seeks to clarify that the version of federal regulations incorporated by reference into the rules of the Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police is the most current version as filed with the Secretary of State. Current law already provides for this.

The amendment strikes from the bill the provision that creates the Class C crime of operating, or permitting the operation of, a motor vehicle without proof of financial responsibility if death or serious bodily injury results from an accident involving that motor vehicle.

The amendment makes a technical correction to a reference to a federal regulation.

Current law specifies that a truck tractor need not be equipped with splash guards when it is not hauling a trailer or semitrailer. The amendment repeals that exception.

The bill reallocates from the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22 to Title 29-A the statute that prohibits a person from smoking in a motor vehicle when a person who has not attained 16 years of age is present in that motor vehicle. The amendment provides that a penalty for a violation of this prohibition is a traffic infraction rather than a civil violation.

Enacted Law Summary

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Public Law 2017, chapter 165 amends the motor vehicle and traffic laws to:

1. Clarify the definition of "wrecker" to specify that it applies only when the vehicle is in the act of towing or carrying a vehicle or freeing a stuck vehicle and amends that definition to include a vehicle designed to carry or tow up to two vehicles on its own body;
2. Decriminalize certain provisions of law regarding fuel tax licensing and reporting. Displaying a false fuel use identification decal remains a Class D crime;
3. Increase the class of crime from a Class E to a Class D crime for operating, or permitting the operation of, a motor vehicle without proof of financial responsibility;
4. Clarify that the exemption from inspection requirements for antique autos applies only if the vehicle is registered as an antique auto;
5. Require a truck tractor owner or operator to display on both sides of the truck tractor the name of the owner or lessee in letters that meet the standards set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations. Current law specifies the size of the letters;
6. Reallocate from the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22 to Title 29-A the statute that prohibits a person from smoking in a motor vehicle when a person who has not attained 16 years of age is present in that motor vehicle and provides that a penalty for a violation of this prohibition is a traffic infraction rather than a civil violation;
7. Correct an error in the statute pertaining to splash guards, which are required on a truck, truck tractor, trailer and semitrailer at all times; and
8. Clarify the statute governing vehicle lengths so that it explicitly states the statute applies to recreational vehicles and so that it conforms certain vehicle lengths to federal law.

LD 1559 An Act To Remove the Law Mandating a Front License Plate

ONTP

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

This bill removes the requirement that a motor vehicle must display a registration plate on the front of the motor vehicle.

LD 1577 An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

PUBLIC 229

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCLEAN A COLLINS R	OTP-AM	H-315

This bill makes the following changes to the motor vehicle laws:

1. It allows a municipal official or other persons designated by the municipality to receive and process applications for noncommercial driver's license renewals and duplicates and nondriver identification card renewals and duplicates through the municipality;

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2. It allows the Secretary of State to carry out procedures established in rules for the disclosure of personal information contained in motor vehicle records in accordance with state and federal law;
3. It clarifies that the Secretary of State may authorize the display of the International Fuel Tax Agreement cab card in electronic format and reduces most violations of the International Fuel Tax Agreement laws from a Class E crime to a traffic infraction. It also makes clear that a suspension issued by another International Fuel Tax Agreement jurisdiction is a suspension in Maine. It further authorizes the Secretary of State to participate in any pilot project related to International Fuel Tax Agreement licenses and decals;
4. It changes the violation provisions for when a dealer fails to file a title application with the Secretary of State within 30 days from a traffic infraction and fine for any violation to a traffic infraction for applications filed more than 30 days to less than 90 days after the sale and a Class E crime for applications not filed 90 days or more after the sale. It also requires that vehicles offered for sale by a dealer must be accompanied by a valid certificate of title and raises the amounts of the surety bond on projected dealer sales;
5. It reduces the term for a permit to carry a load for vehicles weighing more than 10,000 pounds while displaying a dealer plate to 90 days from one year;
6. It prohibits disclosure of social security numbers in motor vehicle records except as required by federal law;
7. It modernizes language and provides consistency between statute and the rules governing motorcycle rider education requirements. It allows a person without a driver's license to complete the mandatory basic rider education course and be issued a Maine license restricted to the operation of a motorcycle without a road examination. It also modifies the statutory language regarding fees associated with the motorcycle rider education program to be consistent with other references to rider education;
8. It removes the requirement that a driver's license bear a color photograph of the licensee and allows the Secretary of State to adopt rules to determine the authorized distribution of digital images and digitized signatures. It allows a person to have and present a mobile driver's license in electronic form if one is made available. It also creates an additional fee for expediting the issuance of driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards and duplicates;
9. It streamlines the requirement in the licensing of new school bus operators by allowing certain Department of Education training requirements to be completed after hiring;
10. It clarifies and makes consistent the Secretary of State's administrative driver's license suspension authority with court-ordered suspension authority;
11. It allows the Secretary of State to administer only the road test in conjunction with the reexamination process for a suspended juvenile provisional license and removes the requirement to provide a written examination to fulfill the restoration requirements;
12. It amends the law to conform to current testing practices for visual acuity;
13. It changes the position name of motor vehicle investigator to motor vehicle detective to be consistent with the position name change negotiated in the Maine State Employees Association contract; and
14. It defines "tow-away transporter combination" as a truck or truck tractor towing two trailers or semitrailers when the trailers or semitrailers are the property being transported by a manufacturer, distributor or dealer and establishes a maximum total vehicle length for the configuration of 82 feet. This change is required pursuant to the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-315)

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This amendment strikes the provision in the bill that reduces most violations of the International Fuel Tax Agreement laws from a Class E crime to a traffic infraction.

The amendment also strikes the requirement that a vehicle offered for sale by a motor vehicle dealer must be accompanied by a valid certificate of title.

The bill creates an additional fee for expediting the issuance of driver's licenses and for expediting duplicates of driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards. The amendment also creates an additional fee for expediting the issuance of nondriver identification cards.

Enacted Law Summary

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1. It allows a municipal official or other persons designated by the municipality to receive and process applications for noncommercial driver's license renewals and duplicates and nondriver identification card renewals and duplicates through the municipality;
2. It allows the Secretary of State to carry out procedures established in rules for the disclosure of personal information contained in motor vehicle records in accordance with state and federal law;
3. It clarifies that the Secretary of State may authorize the display of the International Fuel Tax Agreement cab card in electronic format. It also makes clear that a suspension issued by another International Fuel Tax Agreement jurisdiction is a suspension in Maine. It further authorizes the Secretary of State to participate in any pilot project related to International Fuel Tax Agreement licenses and decals;
4. It changes the violation provisions for when a dealer fails to file a title application with the Secretary of State within 30 days from a traffic infraction and fine for any violation to a traffic infraction for applications filed more than 30 days to less than 90 days after the sale and a Class E crime for applications not filed 90 days or more after the sale;
5. It reduces the term for a permit to carry a load for vehicles weighing more than 10,000 pounds while displaying a dealer plate to 90 days from one year;
6. It prohibits disclosure of social security numbers in motor vehicle records except as required by federal law;
7. It modernizes language and provides consistency between statute and the rules governing motorcycle rider education requirements. It allows a person without a driver's license to complete the mandatory basic rider education course and be issued a Maine license restricted to the operation of a motorcycle without a road examination. It also modifies the statutory language regarding fees associated with the motorcycle rider education program to be consistent with other references to rider education;
8. It removes the requirement that a driver's license bear a color photograph of the licensee and allows the Secretary of State to adopt rules to determine the authorized distribution of digital images and digitized signatures. It allows a person to have and present a mobile driver's license in electronic form if one is made available. It also creates an additional fee for expediting the issuance of driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards and duplicates;
9. It streamlines the requirement in the licensing of new school bus operators by allowing certain Department of Education training requirements to be completed after hiring;
10. It clarifies and makes consistent the Secretary of State's administrative driver's license suspension authority with court-ordered suspension authority;

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- 12. It amends the law to conform to current testing practices for visual acuity;
- 13. It changes the position name of motor vehicle investigator to motor vehicle detective to be consistent with the position name change negotiated in the Maine State Employees Association contract; and
- 14. It defines "tow-away transporter combination" as a truck or truck tractor towing two trailers or semitrailers when the trailers or semitrailers are the property being transported by a manufacturer, distributor or dealer and establishes a maximum total vehicle length for the configuration of 82 feet. This change is required pursuant to the federal Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act.

LD 1595 An Act Regarding Inspection Requirements for Public Safety and Municipal Vehicles Owned by Island Communities CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COOPER J BREEN C		

This bill allows an island community to require an emergency vehicle that is garaged and operated only on the island to be inspected every five years or every 500 miles of use or annually by a licensed inspection mechanic at the location where the vehicle is customarily kept.

This bill was carried over to any special or regular session of the 128th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1138.

LD 1617 An Act To Initiate the Process of Terminating the Maine Turnpike Authority ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ESPLING E BRAKEY E	ONTP	

This bill:

- 1. Prohibits the Maine Turnpike Authority from issuing any bonds after October 15, 2017;
- 2. Requires the Maine Turnpike Authority, no later than October 15, 2027, to set aside sufficient funds in trust to pay all its bonds and debts or to pay all its bonds and debts;
- 3. Requires the Maine Turnpike Authority, no later than April 1, 2018, to provide to the Department of Transportation a plan to accomplish the payment of outstanding debt held by the authority; and
- 4. Requires the Maine Turnpike Authority, no later than November 1, 2027, to submit for introduction to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature a bill to transfer all of the duties, responsibilities and assets of the authority to the department and to provide for the sale of all unnecessary equipment, buildings and property owned by the authority and the removal of all the toll facilities on the turnpike, with the exception of the York toll facility.

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**LD 1628 An Act To Increase the Penalty for Failing To Carry Proof of Motor
Vehicle Financial Responsibility**

ONTP

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

This bill makes it a Class C crime if a person who is required to maintain proof of financial responsibility operates a vehicle, or knowingly allows the operation of that vehicle, on a public way without such proof and that vehicle is involved in an accident that results in serious bodily injury while being operated on the public way. This bill also increases from a Class E to a Class D crime the penalty for such a person operating a vehicle or knowingly allowing the operation of a vehicle without proof of financial responsibility.

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Not Enacted

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LD 1595	An Act Regarding Inspection Requirements for Public Safety and Municipal Vehicles Owned by Island Communities	CARRIED OVER
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Not Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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LD 1426	An Act To Allow the Use of Biotopic or Telescopic Corrective Lenses To Meet the Vision Examination Requirements for a Class C Driver's License	ONTP
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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Secretary of State

Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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Enacted

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Not Enacted

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Enacted

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