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**STATE OF MAINE
118TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
AND
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
TRANSPORTATION**

JULY 1997

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**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS**

**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 1997**

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this Session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills handled by the joint standing committees. It is organized alphabetically by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

- CARRIED OVER*.....*Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*
- CON RES XXX*.....*Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses*
- CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE*.....*Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died*
- DIED BETWEEN BODIES*.....*House & Senate disagree; bill died*
- DIED IN CONCURRENCE*.....*One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill*
- DIED ON ADJOURNMENT*.....*Action incomplete when session ended; bill died*
- EMERGENCY*.....*Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days*
- FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote*
- FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE*.....*Bill failed to get majority vote*
- FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT*.....*Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote*
- INDEF PP*.....*Bill Indefinitely Postponed*
- ONTP*.....*Ought Not To Pass report accepted*
- OTP ND*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft*
- OTP ND/NT*.....*Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title*
- P&S XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law*
- PUBLIC XXX*.....*Chapter # of enacted Public Law*
- RESOLVE XXX*.....*Chapter # of finally passed Resolve*
- UNSIGNED*.....*Bill held by Governor*
- VETO SUSTAINED*.....*Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto*

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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An Act to Amend the Bicycle Provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A in Order to Provide a Greater Measure of Safety for Travel by Bicyclists

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHARTRAND O'GARA	ONTP	

LD 1367 proposed to resolve inconsistencies in existing law among provisions affecting bicyclists, bring all bicycle safety provisions to highest standards and best practice and simplify provisions for bicyclists by including bicyclists and bicycles under existing vehicle provisions.

Resolve, to Establish a Maine Mobility Fund Task Force

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'GARA DRISCOLL	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-493 DRISCOLL S-206 S-420 MICHAUD

LD 1377 proposed to establish the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Creating a Maine Mobility Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-206) proposed to add to the emergency preamble a statement that all revenues that currently accrue to the Highway Fund are needed for those transportation expenditures and activities currently authorized by the Legislature. It also proposed to strike from the emergency preamble a reference to the per capita expenditures on public transportation. It also proposed to prohibit the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Creating a Maine Mobility Fund from being allocated money from the Highway Fund. It also proposed to add to the task force one member selected by the Maine Motor Transport Association. It also proposed to require the task force report be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by January 15, 1998. In addition, it proposed that any extension of the task force reporting deadline be approved by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The amendment also proposed to add an allocation section and a fiscal note.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-493) proposed to give members of the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Creating a Maine Mobility Fund per diem and expenses. It also proposed to add an appropriation section to the amendment.

Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-420) proposed to change the reporting date of the task force to January 1, 1998, specify the number of meetings and revise the appropriations section.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 73 establishes the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Creating a Maine Mobility Fund. The Task Force must study alternative sources of revenue to fund public transportation. It must report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by January 1, 1998. This law is effective June 12, 1997.