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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
TRANSPORTATION**

JULY 1999

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
August 1999

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

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized 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
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
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 September 18, 1999.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 7

Resolve, to Change the Name of the Ridlonville Bridge between Rumford and Mexico to the Veterans Memorial Bridge

RESOLVE 2

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FERGUSON BRYANT		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-10
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LD 7 proposed to change the name of the bridge between Rumford and Mexico from the Ridlonville Bridge to the Veterans Bridge.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-10) proposed to change the name of the Ridlonville Bridge between Rumford and Mexico from the "Veterans Bridge," as proposed in the resolve, to the "Veterans Memorial Bridge."

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1999, chapter 2, changes the name of the Ridlonville Bridge between Rumford and Mexico from the "Ridlonville Bridge" to the "Veterans Memorial Bridge."

LD 28

An Act to Exempt a Person Running for Public Office from the Mandatory Seat Belt Law

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERKINS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 28 proposed to exempt a candidate for public office actively campaigning from door to door from the seat belt law.

LD 46

An Act to Require Special Identification of Motor Vehicles Driven by Holders of Driver's License Permits

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ABROMSON		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 46 proposed that the Secretary of State issue placards to driver's license permit holders identifying that person as a permit holder. The placards were proposed to be issued at the same time the Secretary of State issues the driver permit and would be required to be displayed on the motor vehicle being driven by that permit holder.