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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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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.

LD 502

An Act to Amend the Fines for Operating an Uninspected or Unregistered Vehicle

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
SNOWE-MELLO
HARRIMAN

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 502 proposed to make operating a motor vehicle with an invalid inspection sticker and operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration traffic infractions with a graduated schedule of forfeitures. The bill also proposed to prohibit the Secretary of State from assessing points against the violator's motor vehicle operator's license for a first-time offense but to assess points for a second violation if it occurs within two years of the first violation. This bill proposed that committing the same infraction three times within a 10-year period be a Class E crime punishable with a 30-day suspension of the violator's motor vehicle operator's license.

LD 509

An Act to Promote Highway Safety

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
NUTTING J

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 509 proposed that the Secretary of State issue placards with a red "L" to all newly licensed drivers and that those drivers display the placard in the top left corner of the rear window of the newly licensed driver's motor vehicle for six months after issuance of the license.

LD 518

Resolve, to Build Interchanges from the Maine Turnpike to Lincoln and Grove Streets in Lewiston

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
MENDROS

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 518 proposed that the Maine Turnpike Authority construct interchanges to allow motorists to enter and exit the turnpike from Lincoln Street and Grove Street in Lewiston.

LD 527

An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2000

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Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-237

LD 527 proposed 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, 2000 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6. This bill was submitted on behalf of the Maine Turnpike Authority.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-237) proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.