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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
TRANSPORTATION**

**JULY 1999**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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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](http://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.

Part F repeals language regarding gubernatorial appointments to the Travel Information Advisory Council. The repealed language addresses appointments that have long since expired.

Part G clarifies that the Adopt-A-Highway Program is allowed on town ways. It also makes clear that Adopt-A-Highway Program signs are allowed as categorical signs pursuant to the Traveler Services Information Act.

Part H waives the requirement that the Department of Transportation report to the Legislature on the permitting of experimental vehicles if there has been no such activity during the report period.

Part I deletes the requirement that the Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board submit a written annual report to the Commissioner of Transportation.

Chapter 152 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 11, 1999.

**LD 965**                      **An Act to Require the State to Reimburse Licensed Vehicle Inspection Stations for Unused Inspection Stickers**                      **INDEF PP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KASPRZAK	OTP-AM    MAJ ONTP        MIN	H-147

LD 965 proposed to allow inspection stations to receive a refund for all unused inspection stickers. Current law provided that refunds or exchanges may only be made for full sheets of unused stickers.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-147)** was the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation and proposed that the State Police credit inspection stations for unused or expired inspection stickers. The amendment also proposed to add an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 977**                      **An Act to Improve Motorcycle Safety**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 977 proposed that a person applying for a motorcycle instruction permit must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license. This bill also proposed to prohibit a person with a motorcycle permit from operating a motorcycle with a passenger.

**LD 998**                      **An Act to Preserve and Improve Public Access to Inland and Coastal Waters**                      **ONTP**

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