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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](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.

Public Law 1999, chapter 101 requires operators of motor vehicles to stop for pedestrians within any part of a marked crosswalk that is not regulated by a traffic-control device.

**LD 1034**                      **Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Repair Route 2 Between Skowhegan and Newport**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 1034 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to repair Route 2 between Skowhegan and Newport by January 1, 2002.

**LD 1040**                      **An Act to Allow all Fines Collected by the Maine Court System as a Result of Evasion of Fare Laws to be Transferred to the Maine Turnpike Authority**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 1040 proposed to require a court to transfer to the Maine Turnpike Authority the proceeds received by the court from a penalty for failure to pay a toll. The bill also proposed to allow the Maine Turnpike Authority to transfer up to 20% of these proceeds back to the court.

**LD 1071**                      **An Act Requiring Notification of Violation to Motor Carriers**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 1071 proposed to require that a motor carrier be notified if that person is cited for a motor vehicle violation or identified as the responsible motor carrier on a summons, complaint or motor carrier compliance report.

**LD 1076**                      **An Act to Simplify the Process of Claiming Abandoned Vehicles**                      **PUBLIC 137**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LIBBY MCALEVEY	OTP-AM	S-76

LD 1076 proposed to eliminate current provisions in law pertaining to abandoned vehicles. The bill proposed to repeal requirements for publishing a notice if the owner of an abandoned vehicle is unknown and waiting 14 days before seeking a change in ownership from the Secretary of State and to repeal a requirement for sending notice by certified