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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.

The amendment also proposed several technical corrections to the bill.

House Amendment "A" (H-573) proposed to amend the bill to correctly indicate the deletion of old language and the addition of new language.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 337 allows municipalities to charge a fee to cover the reduced life of a road resulting from a road cut. The law also allows municipalities to require that a cut into a road within the first 5 years after the road is resurfaced be repaved for a distance at least 20 feet in from the furthest edges of the cut across the entire surface of the road.

LD 1226 An Act to Amend the Seat Belt Law Regarding the Enforcement of Penalties ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS	ONTP MAJ	
CASSIDY	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1226 proposed to restore statutory language that was repealed in 1997 which stated that a person not wearing a seat belt could only be fined for the primary violation, the reason the person was originally stopped.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-175) proposed to add an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 1250 An Act to Allow a Change in a Vehicle Registration Date ONTP

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

LD 1250 proposed to allow the owner of a registered motor vehicle to change the month in which the registration expires once every five years and to allow the registration agent to charge a fee of up to \$10 to accommodate the change.

LD 1307 An Act Regarding Required Lights on Plow Trucks ONTP

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

LD 1307 proposed to require a truck equipped with a snow plow to operate all required auxiliary lights at all times when the vehicle is in operation on a public way.