

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

**JULY 1999**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**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.

**LD 1298**

**An Act to Amend the Certification Process of Code Enforcement Officers**

**ONTP**

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

LD 1298 proposed to provide that a person may not be certified or recertified as a code enforcement officer or may have a certification revoked, if that person has been convicted of murder or any Class A, Class B or Class C crime or has been convicted of any crime in the State of Maine or another jurisdiction for which the maximum term of imprisonment prescribed by law exceeds one year.

**LD 1306**

**An Act to Require Legislative Review of Motor Vehicle Fuel Standards**

**PUBLIC 107  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAIGLE	OTP	

LD 1306 provides that any rules relating to motor vehicle fuel standards are subject to legislative review as major substantive rules pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1999, chapter 107 makes rules relating to motor vehicle fuel standards major substantive rules pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedures Act. Chapter 107 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 30, 1999.

**LD 1311**

**An Act to Repeal the Emissions Testing Program in Cumberland County CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FOSTER HARRIMAN		

LD 1311 proposes to repeal the enhanced inspection requirements for motor vehicles registered in Cumberland County, instead requiring those vehicles to meet the same inspection standards as vehicles registered in other counties in the State. This bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.

**LD 1355**

**An Act to Prohibit a Municipality from Being Penalized by the State for Lacking a Comprehensive Plan**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACK DAVIS P	ONTP	

LD 1355 proposed to repeal the section of the growth management law that gives certain grant and state aid preference to municipalities that have implemented a comprehensive plan under the growth management law.