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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 1491 proposed to remove the license fee for driver education schools and driver education teachers and instructors who are also certified teachers in public and private secondary schools. The bill also proposed to require that the Secretary of State make certain changes to the policies governing driver education programs and the licensing and relicensing of driver education teachers and instructors.

LD 1543

An Act to Create a Bicycle Safety Education Act

PUBLIC 331

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRENNAN PARADIS	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-378

LD 1543 proposed to create the Bicycle Safety Act, which requires operators and passengers of bicycles who are under 16 years of age to wear bicycle helmets, requires the Department of Education to develop bicycle safety education guidelines, requires sellers and renters of bicycles to post a notice explaining the provisions of the Bicycle Safety Act and requires law enforcement officers to provide an operator of a bicycle in violation of the Bicycle Safety Act with information on the act.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-378) proposed to rename the Bicycle Safety Act the Bicycle Safety Education Act and make several amendments to the bill to clarify liability and evidentiary issues pertaining to the use and nonuse of bicycle helmets.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 331 establishes the Bicycle Safety Act Education requires operators and passengers of bicycles who are under 16 years of age to wear bicycle helmets, and requires the Department of Education to develop bicycle safety education guidelines, requires sellers and renters of bicycles to post a notice explaining the provisions of the Bicycle Safety Act and requires law enforcement officers to provide an operator of a bicycle in violation of the Bicycle Safety Act with information on the act.

LD 1570

An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Cut Brush and Trees Along a Highway at the Request of a Business

ONTP

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

LD 1570 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to remove trees and brush within the right-of-way of a state or state aid highway when a business requests the service to increase visibility of the business from the highway and to require a business to reimburse the department for any costs incurred.

LD 1576

An Act to Strengthen the Motor Vehicle Laws Pertaining to Registration of Motor Vehicles CARRIED OVER

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

LD 1576 proposes to amend the motor vehicle laws to change the definitions of "resident" and "owner" and to repeal the provision that would exempt a nonresident from registration and licensing laws of this State if the state that nonresident was from offered the same exemption to a resident of this State if that resident was in that state.