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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 pasage*
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 ToPass 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.

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related duties, participants in parades, people secured with a seat belt in manufacturer-installed seat located outside the passenger compartment and licensed hunters who are being transported to or from a hunting location who are in compliance with all applicable laws pertaining to the possession and transportation of firearms in a motor vehicle.

LD 1739 — An Act Relating to New and Used Car Document Fees — PUBLIC 211

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MCGLOCKLIN PENDLETON	OTP-AM	H-240

LD 1739 proposed to prohibit a motor vehicle dealer from charging more than $25 for document preparation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-240) proposed to replace the bill and to require new and used car dealers to post their document preparation fees on each vehicle offered for sale. The amendment proposed that a dealer who violates this provision commits an unfair trade practice.

The amendment also proposed technical corrections to the bill and to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 211 requires new and used car dealers to post their document preparation fees on each vehicle offered for sale and makes a violation of that requirement an unfair trade practice.

LD 1746 — An Act to Amend the Definition of Bicycle to Promote Road Safety — ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
MCKEE	ONTP	

LD 1746 proposed to amend the definition of bicycle under the motor vehicle laws to clarify which vehicles are subject to the rules of the road.

LD 1754 — An Act to Establish a Speed Limit at Toll Plaza Approaches on the Maine Turnpike — ONTP

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	Amendments Adopted
TUTTLE	ONTP	

LD 1754 proposed to establish a speed limit of five miles per hour in toll plazas on the Maine Turnpike.