

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
TRANSPORTATION**

**JULY 2000**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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***Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees***  
***July 2000***

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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:

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  
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote  
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote  
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote  
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died  
INDEF PP..... Bill Indefinitely Postponed  
ONT P..... 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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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**LD 2265**

**An Act to Allow a Person with a Disability to Ride in Vehicles Being Towed**

**ONTP**

Sponsor(s)  
CARR

Committee Report  
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2265 proposed to create an exception to the prohibition of riding in a vehicle that is being towed for those people who are disabled.

**LD 2270**

**An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Disability License Plates**

**PUBLIC 544**

Sponsor(s)  
SANBORN

Committee Report  
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 2270 proposed to allow the Secretary of State to issue more than one set of disability registration plates to a qualified applicant.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 544 allows the Secretary of State to issue more than one set of disability license plates or placards to a qualified applicant.

**LD 2303**

**An Act to Amend Truck Weights**

**PUBLIC 580**

Sponsor(s)  
LINDAHL

Committee Report  
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted  
H-804

LD 2303 proposed to repeal the requirement for obtaining a permit to operate at 100,000 pounds, in favor of a 100,000-pound registration. This provision would have become effective April 1, 2001, the scheduled date for entry of several Canadian provinces into the International Registration Program.

The bill proposed to allow the Secretary of State to establish, with the cooperation of the Commissioner of Transportation, a method of issuing long-term overweight permits for nondivisible loads.

The bill would have clarified the application of weight fines.

The bill also proposed to allow the 4-axle truck, 2-axle trailer vehicle to register for its allowable gross vehicle weight limit and would have repealed special certifications previously required for this vehicle.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-804)** proposed to maintain the current fine schedule for violations by vehicles registered for 100,000 pounds.