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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Transportation*

August 2001

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 2001

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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*
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*
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 21, 2001**.

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Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 1026

**An Act to Provide George J. Mitchell and William S. Cohen
Lifetime License Plates**

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> QUINT MCALEVEY | <u>Committee Report</u> OTP | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 1026 proposed to authorize the Secretary of State to issue lifetime license plates to William S. Cohen and George J. Mitchell.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 10 authorizes the Secretary of State to issue lifetime license plates to William S. Cohen and George J. Mitchell.

LD 1053

An Act to Clarify the Release of Driver's License Information

ONTP

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCALEVEY | <u>Committee Report</u> ONTP | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 1053 proposed to prohibit the Secretary of State from conditioning the release of records relating to a person's motor vehicle registration and driver's license on the agreement of the person receiving the records to indemnify the Secretary of State for any damages incurred by the Secretary of State due to the release of the records.

LD 1095

An Act to Amend the Law on Local Bridge Reconstruction

ONTP

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> FERGUSON JODREY | <u>Committee Report</u> ONTP | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 1095 proposed to authorize municipalities or unorganized townships who share a bridge or who have bridges wholly within one town or territory, but located within 250 feet of another town or territory, to petition the Department of Transportation to reconstruct the bridge on a town way. This bill proposed to require the Department of Transportation to bear 50% of the cost for the construction and to require the other 50% to be split between the 2 municipalities or unorganized townships.