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*State Of Maine
121st Legislature*

First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Transportation*

July 2003

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

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| <i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i> | <i>Bills carried over to the 2nd Regular Session</i> |
| <i>CON RES XXX</i> | <i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i> |
| <i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i> | <i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i> |
| <i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i> | <i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i> |
| <i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i> | <i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i> |
| <i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i> | <i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i> |
| <i>EMERGENCY</i> | <i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i> |
| <i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> | <i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i> |
| <i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i> | <i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i> |
| <i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i> | <i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i> |
| <i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i> | <i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i> |
| <i>INDEF PP</i> | <i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i> |
| <i>ONTP</i> | <i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i> |
| <i>OTP-ND</i> | <i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i> |
| <i>P&S XXX</i> | <i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i> |
| <i>PASSED</i> | <i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</i> |
| <i>PUBLIC XXX</i> | <i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i> |
| <i>RESOLVE XXX</i> | <i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i> |
| <i>UNSIGNED</i> | <i>Bill held by Governor</i> |
| <i>VETO SUSTAINED</i> | <i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i> |

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 250

An Act to Establish the Avon-Phillips Airport Authority

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| SAVIELLO WOODCOCK | ONTP | |

LD 250 proposed to establish the Avon-Phillips Airport Authority, governed by a board of 7 trustees, of which 2 trustees must be residents of the Town of Avon and 2 trustees must be residents of the Town of Phillips. The bill proposed to authorize the authority to adopt bylaws for the governance of its affairs, acquire real and personal property, lease, rent or otherwise dispose of real or personal property and exercise the power of eminent domain.

LD 290

An Act To Ensure That Title Applications are Timely Delivered

PUBLIC 235

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| O'NEIL MAYO | OTP-AM | H-242 |

LD 290 proposed to establish certain penalties for motor vehicle dealers who fail to deliver applications for title to purchased vehicles to the Secretary of State within 20 days as required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 654, subsection 2. The bill proposed to institute an initial \$250 penalty, with additional penalties for continued failure to comply with the law. The bill also proposed to require restitution to lenders whose liens are affected by the motor vehicle dealer's failure to comply with the law.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-242) proposed to replace the bill and to allow the Secretary of State to collect a \$125 penalty if an application, certificate of title or other document required to be delivered to the Secretary of State is not delivered to the Secretary of State within 20 days.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 235 allows the Secretary of State to collect a \$125 penalty if an application, certificate of title or other document required to be delivered to the Secretary of State is not delivered to the Secretary of State within 20 days.

LD 293

An Act To Require Additional Driving Time and a 30-day Waiting Period for Retesting Minors Who Fail Their Driver's Exams

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| COURTNEY NASS | ONTP | |

LD 293 proposed to require a waiting period of 30 days and the completion of 5 additional hours of supervised driving before a person under 18 years of age may retake a road test.