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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:

<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 662

**An Act To Increase the Payment for State Police Services on the
Maine Turnpike**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCKENNEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 662 proposed to require the Maine Turnpike Authority to pay an additional \$4,000,000 per year to the Highway Fund for the services provided by the State Police. The bill also proposed to allow the authority, with the approval of the Commissioner of Transportation, to provide in-kind services of an equivalent value in lieu of the annual payment.

LD 664

**An Act To Make Changes to the Laws Governing the Tax on Motor
Fuel**

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCKENNEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 664 proposed to repeal the indexing of motor fuel tax rates, increase the gasoline tax by 2¢ and increase the special fuels tax by 1¢. The bill also proposed to eliminate the provision that allows credits on the inventory tax when the tax rate on motor fuels is reduced.

LD 690

**An Act To Create Experimental Motor Vehicle Plates and
Registration**

PUBLIC 125

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ANNIS		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-137
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LD 690 proposed to establish a registration plate for experimental vehicles. It would allow multiple experimental vehicles to share a single registration plate, similar to a "dealer" plate, for the purpose of testing, demonstrating or transporting experimental vehicles on public roadways.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-137) proposed to replace the bill and to establish registration plates for experimental motor vehicles. It would require experimental motor vehicle inventors to register with the Secretary of State in order to obtain experimental motor vehicle plates. It would require the Secretary of State to adopt rules to establish the application criteria and process by which a person may obtain an experimental motor vehicle plate. It would also establish equipment, operation and insurance standards for experimental motor vehicle registration.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 125 establishes registration plates for experimental motor vehicles. The law requires experimental motor vehicle inventors to register with the Secretary of State in order to obtain experimental motor vehicle plates. The law also requires the Secretary of State to adopt rules to establish the application criteria and process by which a person may obtain an experimental motor vehicle plate. It also establishes equipment, operation and insurance standards for experimental motor vehicle registration.