

## State Of Maine 121st Legislature

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## **Bill Summaries**

# Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

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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, <u>History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents</u>, 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 PURSUANT TO HP 1212	Bills carried over to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Regular Session
CON RES XXX	
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCEOne	e 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
	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	
ONTP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed 
OTP-ND	Committee report (hight To Pass In New Draft
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law Joint Order passed in both bodies
PASSED	Joint Order passed in both bodies
PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED	Bill held by Governor
	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

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 ONTP Maine Turnpike

Sponsor(s)	Committee Report	
MCKENNEY	ONTP	

Amendments Adopted

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 ONTP Fuel

Sponsor(s)Committee ReportAmendments AdoptedMCKENNEYONTP

LD 664 proposed to repeal the indexing of motor fuel tax rates, increase the gasoline tax by  $2\phi$ , and increase the special fuels tax by  $1\phi$ . 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 PUBLIC 125 Registration

Sponsor(s)Committee ReportAmendments AdoptedANNISOTP-AMH-137

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.