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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, 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 1070 **An Act To Increase Traffic Fines and Apportion a Part of the Increase to the Issuing Jurisdiction** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SUSLOVIC STRIMLING		

LD 1070 proposes to increase traffic fines by 5% every 2 years from January 1, 2004 through January 1, 2012. The bill also proposes to remit a percentage of the fines collected for traffic infractions to the law enforcement agency that issued the summons and complaint. The bill further proposes to increase the percentage remitted to the law enforcement agency by 10% every 2 years from January 1, 2004 through January 1, 2012.

LD 1081 **An Act To Allow the Use of Cameras for Enforcement of Traffic Light Violations** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SUSLOVIC SAWYER	ONTP	

LD 1081 proposed to authorize the State or a municipality to install and operate unmanned, automatic cameras to obtain evidence to prosecute and prove a violation of a traffic control device. The bill proposed that the owner of the vehicle photographed or otherwise recorded violating a traffic control device is rebuttably presumed to be the violator. The bill also proposed to allow evidence from the cameras to be used in other legal actions.

LD 1095 **An Act Relating to Motorcycle Safety** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PENDLETON GERZOFISKY	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1095 proposed to provide that a law enforcement officer may not engage in a high-speed chase of the operator of a motorcycle unless that officer has reasonable and articulable suspicion to believe that a murder or a Class A, B or C crime has been committed or is being committed or other means of stopping the operator are not available.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-67) was the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The amendment proposed to replace the bill and proposed to require law enforcement agencies to report motor vehicle pursuit statistics to the State Police traffic division on a quarterly basis. The amendment also proposed to require the Chief of the State Police to develop and furnish a format for standardized reporting by agencies and clarify that the information contained in the report is for statistical purposes only and cannot be used for civil or criminal proceedings. This amendment was not adopted.