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*State Of Maine
121st Legislature*

First Regular Session

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 1213

An Act To Establish a Modern Transportation Policy

ONTP

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

LD 1213 proposed to require that funding for shared-use paths be included as part of any project involving the construction, reconstruction or replacement of a state or state aid highway or bridge. The bill proposed to require that the Commissioner of Transportation ensure that an amount equal to at least 1% of the combined state and federal funding for such projects is provided for the construction, repair or maintenance of shared-use paths. The bill also proposed to establish a safe paths to schools program for the purpose of planning and constructing shared-use paths to provide safe transportation for children from neighborhoods to schools, parks and local and state trails systems. Finally, the bill proposed to create a legislative study commission to study the potential location, funding and statewide benefits of shared-use paths. The bill proposed to require the study commission to seek outside funding to pay for all costs of the commission.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-297), the committee minority report, proposed to change the bill into a resolve creating a study commission to study the potential location, funding and statewide benefits of shared-use paths. The amendment proposed to direct the commission to analyze the availability of shared-use paths in counties with a rate of overweight or obese people that is at least 1% higher than the state average and directs the commission to analyze the potential reduction in health care and transportation costs resulting from the utilization of shared-use paths. The amendment also proposed to require the solicitation and use of outside funding to cover all costs of the commission. The amendment further proposed to allocate funds authorizing operating expenditures for the commission. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1221

An Act To Prohibit Skateboarding on State Highways

ONTP

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

LD 1221 proposed to prohibit a person from using a skateboard on a state or state aid highway.

LD 1222

An Act To Penalize Timberland Owners rather than Truckers for Hauling Weight Violations

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACKSON	ONTP	
HATCH PH		

LD 1222 proposed to make a landowner, instead of the operator driving the motor vehicle, responsible for the fine for a motor vehicle carrying forest products and weighing in excess of 110,000 pounds, if the landowner causes the motor vehicle to be loaded in excess of the weight limit.