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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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### 121st Maine Legislature First Regular Session

#### 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 1475 proposed to allow school buses to be equipped with a device that provides for alternate flashing of the headlights. The bill also proposed to require operators of school buses to keep the headlights and daytime running lights on at all times of operation. The bill further proposed to require that new school buses be equipped with daytime running lights.

**LD 1499**                      **An Act To Require the Department of Transportation to Resume Maintenance of Clark's Cove Road**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 1499 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to maintain an approximately one-mile section of road in the town of South Bristol beginning at the intersection of Route 129 and Clark's Cove Road and continuing to the entrance of the University of Maine Darling Marine Center.

**LD 1509**                      **An Act To Allow the Early Submission of an Application To Become Licensed as a Motor Vehicle Inspector**                      **PUBLIC 222**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THOMAS	OTP-AM	H-243

LD 1509 proposed to allow a person to apply for an inspection mechanic certificate up to 6 weeks prior to the applicant's 18th birthday. It would allow the Bureau of State Police to process the application and set a time for the applicant to be tested prior to the applicant's 18th birthday but would not allow the certificate to be issued until the applicant is 18 years of age.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-243)** proposed to replace the bill and to allow a person to submit an application and complete testing for an inspection mechanic certificate up to 6 months prior to the applicant's 18th birthday but would not allow the certificate to be issued until the applicant is 18 years of age.

### *Enacted Law Summary*

Public Law 2003, chapter 222 allows a person to submit an application and complete testing for an inspection mechanic certificate up to 6 months prior to the applicant's 18th birthday, but does not allow the Bureau of State Police to issue the certificate until the applicant is 18 years of age.

**LD 1520**                      **An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws**                      **PUBLIC 340**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
USHER HATCH PH	OTP-AM	H-371

LD 1520 proposed to amend the motor vehicle statutes as follows: