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121st Legislature*

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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

- 6. It prohibits a motor vehicle operator from passing in the breakdown lane or on the shoulder of a limited-access highway;
- 7. It allows for the submission of motor vehicle accident forms to the Chief of the State Police via electronic format; and
- 8. It repeals the prohibition against breaking the seal on a refrigerated load.

LD 1565

An Act To Authorize a Pilot Project To Allow Commercial Vehicles at Canadian Weight Limits Access to the Woodland Commercial Park in Baileyville

PUBLIC 362

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
USHER	OTP-AM MAJ	H-410
SHOREY	ONTP MIN	

LD 1565 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Transportation to conduct a pilot project that would allow certain commercial vehicle configurations at Canadian weight limits to travel from the planned Calais - St. Stephen Bridge to the junction of U.S. Route 1 and U.S. Route 9 in Baileyville.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-410), the committee majority report, proposed to require trucks participating in the pilot project to display a credential obtained for a fee from the Secretary of State. The amendment also proposed to direct the Secretary of State to adopt routine technical rules to implement the credentialing process.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 362 authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to conduct a pilot project allowing certain commercial vehicle configurations at Canadian weight limits to travel from the planned Calais - St. Stephen Bridge to the junction of U.S. Route 1 and U.S. Route 9 in Baileyville. The law requires trucks participating in the pilot project to display a credential obtained for a fee from the Secretary of State. The law also directs the Secretary of State to adopt routine technical rules to implement the credentialing process.

LD 1590

An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

**PUBLIC 434
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HATCH PH USHER	OTP-AM	S-237

LD 1590 proposed to make the following changes to the motor vehicle laws:

- 1. Require manufacturers and distributors of motor vehicles to apply for a license for each franchise;
- 2. Require the Secretary of State to adopt rules establishing fees for records of databases pertaining to driver's licenses and motor vehicles and for the electronic transmittal of records;
- 3. Make sensitive records and information concerning information technology systems confidential;