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*State Of Maine
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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Transportation*

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 organized by committees 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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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:

- CARRIED OVER Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES..... House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One 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
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... 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..... Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED..... Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 1201 **Resolve, Authorizing a Review of Inspection Requirements for Vehicles with Aftermarket Modifications** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERRY J		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1201 proposed to direct the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Chief of the State Police to review existing inspection requirements for vehicles that have been equipped with aftermarket modifications.

LD 1211 **An Act To Permit the Expanded Use of Changeable Signs for Governmental Entities and Public Facilities** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAMPSON SCHNEIDER		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1211 proposed to add civic, conference, convention and athletic facilities to the list of organizations that can erect and maintain signs without having to obtain a license or permit. The bill also proposed to exempt these organizations from the 20-minute time limit on changeable message signs.

LD 1217 **An Act To Permit the Stopping of Traffic by Charitable Nonprofit Organizations for Certain Fund-raising Projects** **PUBLIC 106**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MILLETT NASS R		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP MAJ ONTP MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1217 proposed to exempt a charitable nonprofit organization incorporated in or recognized by the State from the laws prohibiting the stopping of traffic by hawkers and vendors if the organization receives municipal and local law enforcement authorization for an event or project.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 106 exempts a charitable nonprofit organization incorporated in or recognized by the State from the laws prohibiting the stopping of traffic by hawkers and vendors if the organization receives municipal and local law enforcement authorization for an event or project.