

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES**

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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the far right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
P&S XXX	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
RESOLVE XXX	Chapter # of enacted Resolve
CON RES XXX	Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
EMERGENCY	Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
CARRIED OVER	Bill carried over to Special Session
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass report accepted
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw report accepted
INDEF PP	Bill Indefinitely Postponed
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	House and Senate disagree; bill died
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE	Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree
VETO SUSTAINED	Legislature filed to override Governor's Veto
UNSIGNED	Not signed by Governor within 10 days
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	Action incomplete when session ended; bill died

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-942

SUMMARY

This bill requires the appraiser members of the State Claims Commission to be certified general appraisers. The bill also simplifies the process for appeals from decisions of the commission and other administrative processes of the commission. .

Committee Amendment "A" (H-942) reduces the time the Department of Transportation has to pay an award issued by the State Claims Commission to the owner of condemned property. The bill proposed the payment be made within 90 days; the amendment requires payment to be made within 60 days. The amendment also strikes a section of the bill concerning the calculation of interest payable on an award issued by the commission leaving existing law in place. Currently, interest is payable from the date of taking of the property to the date the commission issues its award. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 2268 An Act Regarding the Time and Temperature Sign Located in Portland

P & S 88

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-951

SUMMARY

This bill provides that the time and temperature sign in Portland is not subject to the Maine traveler information services laws (Billboard Law).

Committee Amendment "A" (H-951) clarifies the conditions under which the time and temperature sign in Portland may be operated under an exemption from the Maine traveler information services law. Under the terms of the amendment, the sign may not be enlarged and is limited to the use of 2 words or groupings of characters not exceeding 4 letters or characters each which are displayed for 4 seconds each.

LD 2304 An Act Prohibiting Persons Convicted of Operating under the Influence from Operating School Buses

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill clarifies that a school bus operator who has been convicted of operating under the influence may not have a school bus operator endorsement reinstated. See LD 2174.