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STATE OF MAINE
118TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
AND
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

BILL SUMMARIES
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
TRANSPORTATION

MAY 1998

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SECOND REGULAR AND SECOND SPECIAL SESSIONS

Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
May 1998

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature. 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 handled by the joint standing 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. 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:

- 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
- 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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 30, 1998 and July 9, 1998 for the Second Special Session. Second Special Session laws include Public Laws beginning with Chapter 718, Private and Special Laws beginning with Chapter 82 and Resolves beginning with Chapter 117.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 726

An Act to Increase the Bonding Limits of the Maine Turnpike Authority

PUBLIC 646

Sponsor(s)
JOYCE

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-922

LD 726 proposed to establish a \$100,000,000 bonding limit for the sole purpose of paying the cost of widening all or any portion of the Maine Turnpike between Exits 1 and 6-A from 2 lanes of travel in both directions to 3 lanes of travel in both directions.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-922) proposed to increase the amount of bonds of the Maine Turnpike Authority which may be outstanding for any lawful purpose of the authority from \$116,000,000 to \$170,000,000 and provide that the bonding limit for paying the cost of widening all or any portion of the Maine Turnpike between Exits 1 and 6-A be \$41,000,000. The amendment also proposed to make technical corrections to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 646 increases the amount of bonds of the Maine Turnpike Authority which may be outstanding for any lawful purpose of the authority from \$116,000,000 to \$170,000,000 and provides that the bonding limit for paying the cost of widening all or any portion of the Maine Turnpike between Exits 1 and 6-A is be \$41,000,000.

LD 757

An Act to Create Graduated Licenses

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
JOYNER
BENNETT

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 757 proposed to establish graduated driver's licenses under which certain restrictions would apply to young drivers.