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**STATE OF MAINE
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**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

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ON
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JULY 1997

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FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS

Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
August 1997

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the 15 Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature staffed by this office. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill, committee amendments and other relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken on the bill. 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 alphabetically 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:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second 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>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>OTP ND/NT</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</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 the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 26, 1997 and September 19, 1997 for the First Special Session.

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The Secretary of State would have been required to notify, in writing, a former insured that the person has one week to obtain motor vehicle liability insurance and to provide proof of such to the Secretary of State. If a former insured failed to comply, the Secretary of State would be required to suspend the registration of a motor vehicle for which insurance has been canceled.

The information provided to the Secretary of State under the uninsured motorist identification database program would be considered to be the property of the person providing the information and could only be disclosed in certain circumstances. An insurer would not be liable to any person for providing the required information nor would the State be liable for gathering, managing or using the information in the program.

LD 1749

Resolve, Designating a World War II Monument in Bangor an Official State Memorial and Authorizing the Department of Transportation to Erect Signs Identifying That Memorial

RESOLVE 37

Sponsor(s)
SAXL J
MURRAY

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-363

LD 1749 proposed to permit the Department of Transportation to erect signs identifying the location of the World War II Memorial in Bangor.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-363) proposed to replace the resolve. It proposed to designate as an official state memorial the World War II monument to be erected in Bangor on the grounds of the Cole Land Transportation Museum. It also proposed to authorize the Department of Transportation to erect signs identifying the memorial's location.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 37 designates as an official state memorial the World War II monument to be erected in Bangor on the grounds of the Cole Land Transportation Museum. It also authorizes the Department of Transportation to erect signs identifying the memorial's location.

LD 1767

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Construct an Adequate Railing on the Donald V. Carter Bridge

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
VIGUE
CAREY

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1767 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to construct a railing on the Donald V. Carter Bridge that provides adequate protection for bicyclists and motorcyclists.