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BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
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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.

1. Repeals the law that transfers \$200,000 in fiscal year 1997-98 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 1998-99 from the Collector Road Program within the Department of Transportation to the Highway Fund as undedicated revenue;
2. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to enter into lease-purchase agreements for the procurement of engineering vehicles or equipment;
3. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to enter into lease-purchase agreements for the procurement of vehicles or equipment;
4. Lapses \$98,558 in fiscal year 1997-98 to the Highway Fund from the Statewide - Retiree Health Account;
5. Authorizes the transfer of Personal Services savings between all Highway Fund programs within the Department of Transportation to cover any nonrecurring program costs;
6. Authorizes the transfer of up to 75% from the balance remaining in the Highway Fund at the end of fiscal year 1997-98 to the Department of Transportation's Highway and Bridge Improvement Program; and
7. Authorizes the Secretary of State to establish project positions by financial order.

Part D:

1. Makes Supplemental Highway Fund allocations and deallocations;
2. Makes supplemental Federal Expenditures Fund allocations; and
3. Makes supplemental Other Special Revenue allocations.

Part E:

1. Makes Highway Fund allocations and deallocations; and
2. Makes Federal Expenditures Fund allocations and deallocations.

Chapter 674 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 2, 1998.

LD 2255

An Act to Allow a Public Utility Emergency Service Vehicle to Use a Siren and Red Light When Responding to an Emergency

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 2255 proposed to allow a public utility emergency service vehicle to use a siren and red light. It also proposed to subject a public utility emergency service vehicle to the same laws regarding right-of-way as other authorized emergency vehicles.