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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
TRANSPORTATION**

**JULY 2000**

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**July 2000**

We are pleased to provide this summary of bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and 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 and select 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. 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](http://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
- 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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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LD 2667

**An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation Relating to the Review of the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles under the State Government Evaluation Act**

**PUBLIC 680**

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report

Amendments Adopted

LD 2667 proposed to implement the recommendations made by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation as a result of the committee's review of the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles under the State Government Evaluation Act. This bill also would have clarified procedures for electronic processing of vehicle registrations.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1999, chapter 680 implements the recommendations made by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation as a result of the committee's review of the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles under the State Government Evaluation Act. This act clarifies procedures for electronic processing of vehicle registrations.

**HP 1774**

**JOINT ORDER - Relative to Establishing the Committee on Gasoline and Fuel Price**

**PASSED**

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Committee Report

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Amendments Adopted

S-719 PINGREE

Joint Order HP 1774 proposed to establish the Committee on Gasoline and Fuel Prices to gather information on the increases in fuel oil and gasoline prices and to study and gauge the effect and impact of these price increases on the people of the State.

**Senate Amendment "B" (S-719)** proposed to replace the joint order and also proposed to clarify that all appointments must be made within 30 days after passage of the joint study order and that the first meeting must be held no later than June 30, 2000. The amendment also proposed to clarify the duties of the study committee.

***Enacted law summary***

Joint Order HP 1774 was read and passed as amended in both chambers and establishes the Committee on Gasoline and Fuel Prices to gather information on the change in the prices of fuel oil, diesel fuel, propane, kerosene and natural gas, to gather information on the change in gasoline prices and to study and evaluate the effects and impacts of recent price changes on the people of the State. The joint order also charges the study committee with identifying and recommending appropriate actions that the State may take to minimize the effects of price changes or to minimize future price increases that could be detrimental to businesses or the people of the State.