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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
TRANSPORTATION**

**JULY 1999**

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees**  
**August 1999**

We are pleased to provide this summary of all 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:

*CARRIED OVER*..... *Bill carried over to Second Regular Session*  
*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*  
*ENACTMENT FAILED*..... *Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage*  
*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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

**LD 273****Resolve, Requiring the Commissioner of Transportation to Report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation on Recreational Access to Water Bodies and Snowmobile Access Across Bridges****RESOLVE 18**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CAMERON	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-198
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LD 273 proposed that all new bridge construction, as well as reconstruction, provide for a sidewalk or lane dedicated and adequate for the use of off-road recreational vehicles such as snowmobiles.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-198)** proposed to replace the bill, change the bill to a resolve and change the title of the bill.

The amendment proposed unallocated language directing the Department of Transportation and other state agencies to work on improving public and recreational access to water bodies and snowmobile access across bridges. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

***Enacted law summary***

Resolve 1999, chapter 18, requires the Commissioner of Transportation to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters in February 2001 and February 2003 on the progress of interagency efforts to improve public and recreational access to water bodies and snowmobile access across bridges. The scope of those interagency efforts are detailed in a memorandum of agreement signed prior to enactment of this law by the Department of Transportation, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Conservation and the Department of Marine Resources.

**LD 278****An Act to Place Direction Signs on I-95 for the Lakeland Trail****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CARR DAVIS P	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 278 proposed that signs be placed along both lanes of Interstate 95 in the Howland-Lincoln area informing travelers of the Lakeland Trail.

**LD 281****An Act to Dedicate the Revenue from the Increase in the Inspection Fee to the State Police and to Establish a Safety Inspection Advisory Board****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCKENNEY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 281 proposed that additional Highway Fund revenue collected from an increase in automobile inspection fees enacted in the last legislative session be dedicated to the motor vehicle inspection program within the Department of Public Safety and to the Safety Inspection Advisory Board, which was proposed to be established by this bill.