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**STATE OF MAINE
119TH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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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).

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.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 19, enacts the Turnpike Authority's budget for FY 2000.

LD 537

An Act to Appropriate Money to Extend Water Lines to Families in Gorham Whose Wells Were Polluted by Highway Construction Activity

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MILLS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 537 proposed to allocate \$280,000 to the Department of Transportation in fiscal year 1999-00 to defray the costs of extending water lines to a housing development in Gorham where residential wells have been polluted by the rupture of a chemical holding tank, caused by blasting activity during highway construction undertaken by the Department of Transportation.

LD 539

An Act to Establish a Citizen Road Watch Program

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DOUGLASS COTE		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 539 proposed that the Bureau of State Police install and operate a toll-free line for receiving reports of motor vehicles being driven in a manner that endangers people. The bill proposed that the bureau work with the Department of Transportation to develop signs and public service announcements to make the public aware of a citizen road watch program.

LD 552

An Act to Change the Minimum Time for Issuing a Temporary Registered Gross Weight Increase from 2 Months to One Month

PUBLIC 466

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WHEELER E CASSIDY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-178
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LD 552 proposed to change the minimum time for issuing temporary gross weight licenses from 2 months to one month.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-178) proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 466, changes the minimum time for issuing temporary gross weight licenses from 2 months to one month.