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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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ON  
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**JULY 1999**

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**ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**  
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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.

and in all other counties by four cents per gallon. The bill also proposed that the one cent differential be in place for 10 years until the new bonds are paid and that the bill be submitted to referendum in June 2000, with the provisions to take effect October 1, 2002.

**LD 655**

**An Act to Increase the Penalty for Failure to Yield the Right-of-way to a Visually Impaired Pedestrian**

**PUBLIC 92**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAGGETT FULLER	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-51
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LD 655 proposed to make failure to yield the right-of-way to a visually impaired person a specific traffic infraction and to double the fine for that infraction.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-51)** proposed to clarify the infraction of failure to yield the right-of-way to a visually impaired pedestrian and to add a fiscal note to the bill.

*Enacted law summary*

Public Law 1999, chapter 92, makes failure to yield the right-of-way to a visually impaired person a specific traffic infraction and doubles the fine for that infraction.

**LD 657**

**An Act to Require the Revocation of the Registration of an Uninsured Motor Vehicle**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MACKINNON O'NEIL	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 657 proposed to require a law enforcement officer to summons a motor vehicle owner who can not provide evidence of insurance and to send a copy of the summons to the Secretary of State and to allow the State to suspend the motor vehicle's registration if the motor vehicle owner fails to provide proof of insurance to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles by the end of the next business day after the summons.

**LD 685**

**An Act to Withhold Work-restricted Licenses from Habitual Offenders Newly Convicted of Operating under the Influence or Who are not in Treatment Program**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARTIN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 685 proposed to allow a person whose license has been revoked under the habitual offender statutes to be eligible for a work-restricted license as long as the new offense is not operating under the influence and the person is participating actively in a substance abuse treatment program.