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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ON
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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.

LD 695

An Act to Allow Motorcycles Operated for Traffic Enforcement to Emit a Combination of Blue and Red Light

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAVIS G	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 695 proposed to allow the use of emergency lights that emit a combination of blue and red light on a motorcycle operated to enforce traffic laws.

LD 718

An Act Pertaining to Maturity Dates of Bonds of the Maine Turnpike Authority

PUBLIC 132

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 718 proposed to allow for the issuance of bonds of the Maine Turnpike Authority with maturity determined in accordance with current practices of the national bond market by removing restricting language on maturity dates. This bill was submitted on behalf of the Maine Turnpike Authority.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 132, allows the Turnpike Authority to set maturity dates of its bonds.

LD 764

An Act to Amend Certain Aviation Laws

PUBLIC 131

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PARADIS BOUFFARD	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-97
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LD 764 proposed several amendments to the aviation laws. This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Transportation.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-97) proposed to make technical clarifications to the bill and to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 131, amends the aviation laws by directing that an air carrier be certified under Federal Air Regulations instead of the Civil Aeronautics Board, adding definitions for "commercial activity," "FAA," "private airport" and "utility airport," amending duties and powers of the Commissioner of Transportation, clarifying that the Department of Transportation is responsible for the inspection of utility airports and private airports with commercial activity, amending the aeronautics laws to be consistent with the term "utility airport" instead of the term "noncommercial airport," giving airports the authority to provide aircraft fuel servicing and changing the required number of meetings of the Maine Aeronautical Advisory Board.