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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
TRANSPORTATION**

**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.

**LD 779****An Act to Increase Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HATCH	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 779 proposed increases in the fees for certain motor vehicle inspections.

**LD 783****An Act to Require That Farm Tractors and Skidders Driven on a Public Way be Registered and Insured****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRACY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 783 proposed that tractors and skidders driven on public roads be registered and covered by liability insurance.

**LD 786****An Act to Limit the Storage Fee Charged for Impounded Vehicles****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SKOGLUND	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 786 proposed that agencies or law enforcement officers who impound a motor vehicle notify the owner of the motor vehicle of the location of the vehicle within 24 hours, that the towing fee be prohibited from being more than a normal towing fee and that the maximum storage fee be set at \$25 per day to a total of \$100 maximum. The bill also proposed that the vehicle may be forfeited if the owner does not claim the motor vehicle within 30 days of notice.

**LD 820****An Act to Clarify the Law Regarding the Payment of the Application Fee for a Motorcycle Dealer License****PUBLIC 97**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WATSON KONTOS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-123
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LD 820 proposed to allow a vehicle dealer who has taken a motorcycle in trade for a vehicle either to test the motorcycle or drive it to and from an inspection station using a dealer plate.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-123)** proposed to replace the bill and proposed that a vehicle dealer only pays the license and plate fees when applying for a motorcycle dealer license.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 97, allows a vehicle dealer to only pay the license and plate fees when applying for a motorcycle dealer license.