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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.

LD 998 proposed to create a Recreational Access Committee to provide direction to the Commissioner of Transportation on improvements to state roads and bridges to allow for safe access for recreation and fishing.

LD 1005

An Act to Equalize Tolls

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SHIELDS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1005 proposed that the Maine Turnpike Authority structure its toll rates so that the toll charged for traveling to and from Augusta on either Interstate 95 or Interstate 495 is equal.

LD 1009

An Act to Require Notification of Motor Vehicle Registration Expiration

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ETNIER		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1009 proposed that the Secretary of State notify the owner of a motor vehicle of the registration expiration date.

LD 1020

An Act to Improve Cultural Information on the Interstate

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COWGER DAGGETT		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1020 proposed to construct a sign near Exit 30 informing travelers of the Maine State Capitol and the Maine State Museum.

LD 1032

An Act to Require Motor Vehicles to Stop for All Pedestrians in a Marked Crosswalk

PUBLIC 101

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> STEVENS		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-124
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LD 1032 proposed that the operators of motor vehicles stop for a pedestrian when that pedestrian is within any part of a crosswalk that is not regulated by a traffic-control device.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-124) proposed to clarify that the requirement to stop for pedestrians applies to pedestrians within a "marked crosswalk". The amendment also proposed to change the title of the bill to reflect that intent and to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary