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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 1337**An Act Regarding Taxation of Low-energy Fuels****CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUDLEY KONTOS		

LD 1337 proposes to amend the Special Fuel Tax Act by including the definitions of "clean fuel vehicle," "clean fuel" and "gasoline gallon equivalent." The bill also proposes to set the tax for clean fuel at 1/2 of the amount applicable to a gallon of distillate fuel.

LD 1381**An Act to Make the Use of Halogen Lights on Motor Vehicles Illegal****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOLDUC	ONTP	

LD 1381 proposed to prohibit the use of halogen headlights on motor vehicles.

LD 1385**An Act to Allow Emergency Medical Technicians to Draw Blood Samples for Alcohol Analysis****ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COWGER	ONTP	

LD 1385 proposed to allow emergency medical technicians and other qualified personnel to draw blood samples for alcohol analysis.

LD 1429**An Act to Add Members to the Maine Turnpike Authority****PUBLIC 177**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LEMOINE PENDLETON	OTP-AM	H-238

LD 1429 proposed to increase the membership of the Maine Turnpike Authority to include two members appointed by the President of the Senate and two members appointed by the Speaker of the House and to make the Public Advocate an ex officio member of the Authority.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-238) proposed to replace the bill and to increase the membership of the Maine Turnpike Authority from five to seven members by creating a sixth membership position on August 1, 2000 and a seventh membership position on August 1, 2002. The new members would be appointed in the same manner provided by current law. After August 1, 2002, the quorum of the authority be increased from three to 4 members and that the Governor be required after that date to ensure that the authority includes one person who is a resident from each of the counties in which the turnpike is located and who is named by the Governor as that county's representative on the authority. The amendment also proposed that the term of a member who is named as a representative from one of those counties terminates when that person's residency changes to another county.