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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.

**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.

The amendment also proposed that these changes do not affect the appointment or term of any member of the turnpike authority appointed prior to the effective date of this legislation. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 177 increases 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 are appointed in the same manner provided by current law. After August 1, 2002, the quorum of the authority is increased from three to 4 members and the Governor is 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 law also provides 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.

The law also states that these changes do not affect the appointment or term of any member of the turnpike authority appointed prior to the effective date of this legislation.

**LD 1462                      An Act to Establish a Pilot Program to Allow Private Driving School Instructors to Conduct Driver Operation Examinations                      ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRAGDON MITCHELL B		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1462 proposed to establish a two-year pilot program allowing certified driver education instructors to conduct road tests for Class C driver license applicants and to require the Secretary of State to report on the success of this program to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

**LD 1489                      An Act Regarding the Operation of a Motorized or Electric Bicycle on a Public Way                      PUBLIC 170**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> STANWOOD		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1489 proposed to clarify that a motorized bicycle or tricycle may be operated by a person with a valid license of any class.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 1999, chapter 170 clarifies that a motorized bicycle or tricycle may be operated by a person with a valid license of any class.

**LD 1491                      An Act to Improve Access to Driver Education                      ONTP**

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