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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.

21. It clarifies that motor vehicles that are required by law to be registered in the State are subject to the same minimum insurance requirements as cars that are registered in the State.
22. It prohibit the sale or distribution of digital image information, graphic designs and security components contained in a driver's license.
23. It changes recycler licenses from calendar-year licenses to 12-month licenses.
24. It allows semitrailers registered in another jurisdiction to be titled in this State.
25. It allows the Secretary of State to issue a temporary 90-day facsimile plate to persons who have reserved their plate numbers to allow for the reserved plate to be manufactured.

Chapter 470 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 10, 1999.

LD 1680

An Act to Require the Equitable Taxation of Motor Vehicles

ONTP

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

LD 1680 proposed to allow a person to transfer the title of a vehicle to any other person whose name appears on the registration certificate without that transaction being considered a new registration.

LD 1690

An Act Regulating the Transportation of People in Pickup Trucks

PUBLIC 311

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BRUNO	OTP-AM	H-239 H-289 WHEELER G

LD 1690 proposed to regulate the transportation of people and dogs in pickup trucks to ensure the safety of the passengers and animals by restricting a person under 19 years of age, with some exemptions, to riding in the passenger compartment of a pickup truck. The bill also proposed certain conditions and restrictions on the transportation of dogs in pickup trucks.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-239) proposed to remove from the bill all provisions pertaining to dogs and to change the title of the bill to reflect that change. The amendment also proposed to strike two exceptions proposed in the bill and to clarify that the exception for workers and trainees includes agricultural workers and trainees. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-289) proposed to add an exception to the bill's prohibition on persons under 19 years of age riding in the back of a pickup truck for licensed hunters who are being transported to or from a hunting location, provided they are in compliance with all applicable laws pertaining to the possession and transportation of firearms in a motor vehicle.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 311 requires a person under 19 years of age to ride in the passenger compartment of a pickup truck. An exception is provided for workers and trainees, including agricultural workers and trainees engaged in work