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**STATE OF MAINE  
119TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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 2135****An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1999****P & S 12  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'GARA JABAR	OTP-AM	S-116

LD 2135 proposed to make supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund, make supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund and authorize the State Controller to transfer funds from the fiscal year 1998-99 year-end balance to the Highway and Bridge Improvement program in the Department of Transportation.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-116)** proposed that the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services implement modified accrual for the fuel tax line of the Highway Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999. The amendment also proposed an additional Other Special Revenue allocation to the Highway Maintenance program within the Department of Transportation for fiscal year 1998-99 and proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

***Enacted law summary***

Private and Special Law 1999, chapter 12, makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund, makes supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund, authorizes the State Controller to transfer funds from the fiscal year 1998-99 year-end balance to the Highway and Bridge Improvement program in the Department of Transportation and directs the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to implement modified accrual for the fuel tax line of the Highway Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999. This law also provides an additional Other Special Revenue allocation to the Highway Maintenance program within the Department of Transportation for fiscal year 1998-99.

Chapter 12 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 10, 1999.

**LD 2139****An Act to Allow Authorized Emergency Vehicles to Display a Blue Light on the Rear of the Vehicle****ONTP**

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

LD 2139 proposed to allow a blue light to be mounted on authorized emergency vehicles.

**LD 2146****An Act to Exempt from Registration Agricultural Motor Vehicles****ONTP**

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

LD 2146 proposed to exempt from registration motor vehicles used solely for farming purposes that are operated to or from the premises where the motor vehicle is kept, a farm lot and between farm lots or a filling station or garage for fuel or repairs. The bill proposed that the motor vehicle may not be operated in excess of 35 miles per hour, on a road with a