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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
July 2000

We are pleased to provide this summary of 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:

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
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 11, 2000.

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House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-814) would have exempted toll receipts from inspection by law enforcement officers.

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-905) would have allowed a law enforcement officer to inspect a driver's toll receipts, but would have prohibited the use of those toll receipts in court as evidence against the driver.

LD 2321 **An Act to Provide Recognition for Korean Conflict Veterans on Special Veterans Registration Plates** **PUBLIC 751 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FISHER LAWRENCE	OTP-AM	H-845

LD 2321 would have provided special motor vehicle registration plates for Korean War veterans.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-845) proposed to direct the Secretary of State to design a decal commemorating veterans of the Korean Conflict that may be affixed over the red "V" on special veterans registration plates. These decals would be sold for one year.

The Secretary of State was also directed to convene a task force to examine whether other commemorative decals could be developed and distributed. The amendment proposed that the task force report its findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by January 2, 2001. This amendment was an emergency.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 751 directs the Secretary of State to design a decal commemorating veterans of the Korean Conflict that may be affixed over the red "V" on special veterans registration plates. These decals may be sold for one year.

The Secretary of State is also directed to convene a task force to examine whether other commemorative decals can be developed and distributed. The task force must report its findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by January 2, 2001.

Public Law 1999, chapter 751 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 5, 2000.

LD 2322 **An Act to Create a Purple Heart Motorcycle License Plate** **PUBLIC 734**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-790

LD 2322 proposed to create a Purple Heart motorcycle registration plate.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-789), the majority report of the committee, would have codified the current practice of making a disabled veterans motorcycle license plate available to qualified veterans. It would have required the Secretary of State to redesign the disabled veterans registration plate for use on motorcycles and allow for space to affix a special decal recognizing Purple Heart medal recipients. It also would have required the Secretary of State to review the feasibility of recognizing other special veterans with decals that can be affixed to the disabled veterans motorcycle license plate.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-790), the minority report of the committee, would have exempted the special Purple Heart medal recipient motorcycle license plate from the current sponsorship requirements for specialty license plates and reformatted the original bill. The amendment also would have codified the current practice of making a disabled veterans motorcycle license plate available to qualified veterans.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 734 exempts the special Purple Heart medal recipient motorcycle license plate from the current sponsorship requirements for specialty license plates. The amendment also codifies the current practice of making a disabled veterans motorcycle license plate available to qualified veterans.

LD 2323 **An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Certifying Driving Time Prior to Obtaining a License** **PUBLIC 545**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WHEELER G		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2323 would have authorized a stepparent to certify the driving time of a permittee who is under 21 years of age and is applying for an operator's license. The bill also proposed to exempt a person 21 years of age or older from the requirement to submit certification of driving time.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 545 adds a step-parent to the list of allowable family members that can certify the driving time of a permittee who is under 21 years of age and is applying for an operator's license. This law also exempts a person 21 years of age or older from the requirement to submit certification of driving time.

LD 2332 **An Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Registration and Title Fees for Certain Veterans' License Plates** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 2332 proposed to implement one of the recommendations of the Committee to Study Standardized Periods of Military Service and Other Matters Related to the Award of State of Maine Veterans' Benefits.