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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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after revocation. This bill proposed to only allow a petition for a work-restricted license at least 8 months after revocation.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 641 changes the habitual offender law by allowing an habitual offender to seek a work-restricted license only after a period of revocation has been served. Under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 2554, an habitual offender may petition for relief from habitual offender status one year after revocation. This law allows a petition for a work-restricted license only after 8 months from revocation.

LD 2649

An Act to Allow Registration of Low-speed Vehicles on Certain Islands

PUBLIC 660

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DUDLEY	OTP-AM MAJ	H-1010
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LD 2649 proposed to create a new registration for motor vehicles called "low-speed vehicles," which are motor vehicles that cannot exceed 25 miles per hour or be operated on a public way with a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-1010) replaced portions of the original bill that allowed low-speed vehicles throughout the State. It proposed to allow these vehicles to be operated on the 12 Maine islands that do not have any public ways maintained or supported by the State if the municipality chooses to allow them. The amendment combined this new provision with an existing provision for island vehicles to pay a reduced registration fee.

The amendment also would have required the Secretary of State and the Maine State Police to study the issues raised by low-speed vehicle use in Maine.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 660 creates a new registration for motor vehicles called "low-speed vehicles," which are motor vehicles that can not exceed 25 miles per hour or be operated on a public way with a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

It allows these vehicles to be operated on the 12 Maine islands that do not have any public ways maintained or supported by the State if the municipality chooses to allow them. This new provision is combined with an existing provision for island vehicles to pay a reduced registration fee.

The law also requires the Secretary of State and the Maine State Police to study the issues raised by low-speed vehicle use in Maine.