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*State Of Maine
120th Legislature*

First Regular Session

Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Transportation*

August 2001

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 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*
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 First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is **September 21, 2001**.

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Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 46 **An Act to Allow Funeral Escort Vehicles in a Funeral Procession to be Equipped with Flashing Yellow Lights** **PUBLIC 10**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MAYO SAVAGE C		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-10
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LD 46 proposed to allow funeral escort vehicles in a funeral procession to be equipped with flashing purple lights.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-10) proposed to allow a vehicle in a funeral procession to be equipped with a flashing yellow light.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 10 allows a vehicle in a funeral procession to be equipped with a flashing yellow light.

LD 67 **An Act to Create an Emergency Medical Technician License Plate** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BULL		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 67 proposed to create a license plate for emergency medical technicians.

LD 74 **An Act to List the Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price on the Certificate of Title** **PUBLIC 18**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BELANGER KNEELAND		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-14
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LD 74 proposed to add the manufacturer's suggested retail price as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1482, subsection 4, paragraph A to the list of information that must be included in a certificate of title prepared for a new motor vehicle at the time of first sale.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-14) proposed to add the manufacturer's suggested retail price as required information to be included on the application to the Secretary of State for a certificate of title for a new vehicle and the certificate of title. It proposed an effective date of January 1, 2002 for this requirement. If a vehicle is used and purchased before the effective date or used and purchased in another state or country, the manufacturer's suggested retail price must be included on the certificate of title application and the certificate of title if it appears on the original certificate of title document.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 18 adds the manufacturer's suggested retail price as required information to be included on the application to the Secretary of State for a certificate of title for a new vehicle and the certificate of title. It establishes an effective date of January 1, 2002 for this requirement. If a vehicle is used and purchased before the effective date or used and purchased in another state or country, the manufacturer's suggested retail price must be included on the certificate of title application and the certificate of title if it appears on the original certificate of title document.

LD 78 **An Act to Clarify the Authority of Counties and Municipalities to Restrict Travel Over Local Roads Based on Gross Registered Vehicle Weight** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PINEAU WOODCOCK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 78 proposed to clarify the authority of county commissioners and municipal officers to restrict vehicle travel over public ways, other than state and state aid highways and bridges, based solely on gross registered vehicle weight.

LD 84 **An Act Regarding the Use of Lights and Sirens on Personal Vehicles Used by Volunteer Firefighters and EMS Personnel** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GLYNN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 84 proposed to permit municipal and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel to use a siren and flashing red, white and amber lights on a personal vehicle while en route to or at the scene of a fire or other emergency. It also proposed to provide that such vehicles would be covered by the rules of operation applying to authorized emergency vehicles. The bill also would have added requirements that should be met before a person could use a siren and flashing light on a personal vehicle.

LD 89 **An Act to Eliminate the Requirement That a Person Provide a Social Security Number for a Driver's License** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CLOUGH MCALEVEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 89 proposed to remove the requirement that the Secretary of State collect, store and verify a person's social security number upon application or renewal for a noncommercial license or a nondriver identification card number.