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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**  
**August 2001**

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](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
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
ONT P.....	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

### *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.

## Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-218)**, the committee minority report, proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

**LD 95**                      **An Act to Prohibit the Use of Handheld Devices While Operating a Motor Vehicle**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 95 proposed to prohibit a person from using a handheld electronic device while operating a motor vehicle unless the person is a law enforcement or safety officer, the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle, the holder of a commercial driver's license who is driving within the scope of the holder's employment or public transit personnel. The bill also proposed to make the offense a traffic infraction.

**LD 99**                      **Resolve, to Name Route 302 the 10th Mountain Division Highway**                      **RESOLVE 27**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAVIS G ABROMSON	OTP-AM	H-219

LD 99 proposed to name that section of Route 302 that runs between Portland and Fryeburg the 10th Mountain Division Highway.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-219)** replaced the resolve and proposed to require the Department of Transportation to designate the part of Route 302 that starts in the City of Portland and continues through the Town of Fryeburg the "10th Mountain Division Highway." This designation would not change or otherwise affect any other names that municipalities may have adopted for this part of Route 302.

### *Enacted law summary*

Resolve 2001, chapter 27 requires the Department of Transportation to designate the part of Route 302 that starts in the City of Portland and continues through the Town of Fryeburg the "10th Mountain Division Highway." This designation may not change or otherwise affect any other names that municipalities may have adopted for this part of Route 302.

**LD 102**                      **An Act to Restrict the Use of Handheld Telephones while Driving**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOUFFARD	ONTP      MAJ	
LEMONT	OTP-AM      MIN	

LD 102 proposed to prohibit a person from using a handheld telephone while operating a motor vehicle if the operator holds the telephone in the operator's hand while driving. The bill also proposed to make the offense a traffic infraction.