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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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LD 176

An Act Providing for the Revocation of a Driver's License upon Conviction for Certain Crimes

PUBLIC 14

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
POVICH DAVIS P	OTP	

LD 176 proposed to provide for the revocation of a person's license upon conviction for the crimes of assault, aggravated assault, elevated aggravated assault, criminal threatening, reckless conduct, attempts thereat or revocation of a juvenile's license upon adjudication of a juvenile for a similar juvenile offense if the crime involved a motor vehicle.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 14 provides for the revocation of a person's license upon conviction for the crimes of assault, aggravated assault, elevated aggravated assault, criminal threatening, reckless conduct, attempts thereat or revocation of a juvenile's license upon adjudication of a juvenile for a similar juvenile offense if the crime involved a motor vehicle.

LD 212

An Act to Improve Child Care Funding

ONTP

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

LD 212 proposed to establish the Child Care Fund and the "Start ME Right" special registration plate, under which \$14 of the registration fee would be dedicated to the improvement of child care programs.

LD 220

An Act to Establish a Light Trailer Transporter Plate and License

PUBLIC 149

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS	OTP-AM	H-136 FISHER S-17

LD 220 proposed to establish a transporter plate and license to allow a business to transport an unregistered light trailer. A light trailer is a trailer or semitrailer with an unladen gross weight of 3,000 pounds or less.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-17) replaced the bill and proposed to establish a light trailer transit plate and license to allow a business to transport an unregistered light trailer.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-136) proposed that a business that delivers or services mobile homes, leases or transports storage trailers or transports light trailers may apply for a trailer transit license and plate. Issuance of a trailer transit license and plate would not exempt the holder from compliance with any state law or municipal ordinance governing the movement of light trailers over the highways of this State. A light trailer could be transported with a trailer transit plate only if the business owner or an employee of the

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business accompanies the vehicle transporting the light trailer. Trailer transit licenses would be exempt from the provision of law that governs the term of a dealer license.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 149 establishes a light trailer transit plate and license to allow a business to transport an unregistered light trailer. A light trailer may be transported with a light trailer transit plate only if the business owner or an employee of the business accompanies the vehicle transporting the light trailer.

LD 250 **An Act to Maintain Moosehead Trail Signs** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JONES DAVIS P	ONTP	

LD 250 proposed to require that the Department of Transportation conduct routine maintenance on signs designating the Moosehead Trail before Memorial Day of each year. The Moosehead Trail consists of the highway beginning in Belfast at the junction of U.S. Route 1 and Route 3, Route 7 to Newport and Dexter, Route 23 to Sangerville to the junction of Route 15 in Guilford, Route 15 to Greenville and Jackman and ending at the junction of Route 15 and U.S. Route 201.

LD 278 **Resolve, to Change the Name of the Maine Turnpike to the Ronald Reagan Highway** **ONTP**

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

LD 278 proposed to rename the Maine Turnpike the Ronald Reagan Highway.

LD 302 **An Act to Designate the Ryefield Bridge an Historic Bridge** **PUBLIC 455**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENNETT HEIDRICH	OTP-AM	S-9

LD 302 proposed to add the Ryefield Bridge in Harrison and Otisfield to the list of historic bridges for which the State assumes the cost and responsibility for management, maintenance and rehabilitation.

Committee Amendment “A” (S-9) proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.