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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*  
*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 378

**An Act to Allow Individuals with Disability Registration Plates or Placards to Park Where There is a Parking Meter Without a Charge**

**PUBLIC 151**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> ANDREWS LEMONT		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-83
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LD 378 proposed to allow any vehicle exhibiting a valid disability registration plate or placard to park at a meter free of charge.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-83)** replaced the bill and proposed to allow any vehicle exhibiting a valid disability registration plate or placard to park at a parking meter free of charge for up to twice the time limit allowed.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 151 allows any vehicle exhibiting a valid disability registration plate or placard to park at a parking meter free of charge for up to twice the time limit allowed.

LD 408

**An Act to Expand the Jurisdiction of the Maine Turnpike Authority to Include an East-west Highway**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GOODWIN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 408 proposed to require the Maine Turnpike Authority to construct, maintain and operate a 4-lane toll highway from a point in or near Bangor in Penobscot County through Calais in Washington County to a point at or near the Canadian border.

**LD 411**

**An Act to Enforce the Speed Limit at Toll Plaza Approaches on the Maine Turnpike**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TUTTLE		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 411 proposed to require the Maine Turnpike Authority to establish a civil violation schedule for persons who exceed the speed limit at toll plazas or approaches to toll plazas.