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*Second Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

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on  
Transportation*

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
May 2002

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 organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is arranged alphabetically by committee name and within committees by bill (LD) number.

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
PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 July 25, 2002.

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# Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

**LD 507**

**An Act to Create the Transit Bonus Payment Program**

**PUBLIC 681**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARLEY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-780
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LD 507 proposed to reduce the burden on property taxes in communities with public transportation by requiring the State to fund a higher portion of the operating costs of the nonprofit transportation providers. The bill sets the State's minimum contribution for fiscal year 2001-02 at 20% of the property taxes paid to a nonprofit provider in the prior fiscal year. The State's contribution increases by 5% of that amount in each of the next 2 fiscal years until it reaches 30%, where it remains for subsequent fiscal years.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-780)** proposed to replace the bill and establish a transit bonus payment program within the Department of Transportation. The program would allow municipalities that increase qualifying expenditures for transit to apply to the department for a transit bonus to the municipality's Urban-Rural Initiative Program payment. Funds must be used for eligible purposes under the Urban-Rural Initiative Program.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 681 establishes a transit bonus payment program within the Department of Transportation. The program allows municipalities that increase qualifying expenditures for transit to apply to the department for a transit bonus to the municipality's Urban-Rural Initiative Program payment. Funds must be used for eligible purposes under the Urban-Rural Initiative Program.

**LD 521**

**Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Submit Proposed Legislation Permitting Limited Application of Canadian Highway Weight Standards**

**RESOLVE 78**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MORRISON SHOREY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-808
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LD 521 proposed to adopt Canadian highway weight standards on a limited portion of Route 1 from Calais to the junction of Route 1 and Route 9 in Baileyville. The bill proposed to allow a maximum gross vehicle weight of 137,700 pounds for a combination vehicle consisting of a 3-axle truck tractor with a tri-axle semitrailer.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-808)** is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. It proposed to replace the bill with a resolve that directs the Department of Transportation to submit proposed legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation in the next regular legislative session after the department has determined the location of a 3rd bridge in Washington County connecting Maine with New Brunswick, Canada. This legislation must include provisions to allow Canadian weight standards on Route 1 from the bridge to the junction of Route 1 and Route 9 in Baileyville.

### *Enacted law summary*