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*State Of Maine
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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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Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 645

An Act to Allow Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Stations to Set Their Own Vehicle Inspection Fees

PUBLIC 234

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCKENNEY LEMONT	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-239

LD 645 proposed to require inspection stations, as part of the standard vehicle inspection, to inspect the brake friction material of a vehicle. The bill also proposed to repeal the statutorily set inspection fees, allowing inspection stations to set their own fees.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-239), the committee majority report, replaced the bill. The amendment proposed to repeal the statutorily set motor vehicle inspection fees and allow vehicle inspection stations to establish their own inspection fees, subject to a maximum fee level of \$12.50 for a standard inspection, \$15.50 for an enhanced inspection on pre-1996 model vehicles pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1751, subsection 2-A and \$18.50 for an enhanced inspection performed on 1996 and later model vehicles pursuant to Title 29-A, section 1751, subsection 2-A. The amendment proposed to increase the fee paid to the Chief of the State Police for vehicle inspection stickers from \$1.50 to \$2.50. It also proposed to remove the section of the bill that pertains to the inspection of brake friction material.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 234 repeals the statutorily set motor vehicle inspection fees and allows vehicle inspection stations to establish their own inspection fees, subject to a maximum fee level of \$12.50 for a standard inspection, \$15.50 for an enhanced inspection on pre-1996 model vehicles pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1751, subsection 2-A and \$18.50 for an enhanced inspection performed on 1996 and later model vehicles pursuant to Title 29-A, section 1751, subsection 2-A. The law also increases the fee paid to the Chief of the State Police for vehicle inspection stickers from \$1.50 to \$2.50.

LD 652

An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

**PUBLIC 361
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHEELER G O'GARA	OTP-AM	H-555

LD 652 proposed to make certain changes to the motor vehicle laws, including the following.

1. It amended the definition of "classic vehicle" to include vehicles that are between 16 years and 26 years old.
2. It expanded the enforcement authority of motor vehicle investigators.
3. It specified that operating a vehicle with an expired 14-day temporary registration plate is a traffic infraction.
4. It required that certain applicants for vehicle registration provide either a federal taxpayer identification number or an identification number issued by the Department of Transportation.