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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 685**

**An Act to Allow a Person with a Disability to Ride in Vehicles Being Towed**

**PUBLIC 132**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CARR DAVIS P	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 685 proposed to create an exception to the prohibition of riding in a vehicle that is being towed. It proposed to allow a person with a disability, as defined in Maine Revised Statutes Title 29-A section 521, to ride in a vehicle that is being towed when it is not practical to transport the person with a disability by any other means.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 132 creates an exception to the prohibition of riding in a vehicle that is being towed. It allows a person with a disability, as defined in Maine Revised Statutes Title 29-A section 521, to ride in a vehicle that is being towed when it is not practical to transport the person with a disability by any other means.

**LD 699**

**An Act to Allow Access to Highways for Certain Purposes**

**PUBLIC 301**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FISHER MARLEY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 699 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Transportation to allow access for the development of state and state aid highways.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 301 authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to allow access for the development of state and state aid highways.

**LD 708**

**An Act Concerning Commercial Driver License Certification**

**PUBLIC 159**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FULLER RAND	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-134
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LD 708 proposed that a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner may perform any physical examination required by the Secretary of State for issuance or renewal of a commercial driver's license.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-134)** replaced the bill and proposed that physical examinations that may be required by the Secretary of State for the issuance or renewal of a license may be performed by competent treatment personnel as determined by the Medical Advisory Board.