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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).

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:

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| 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 |
| ONT P..... | 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> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| CARR DAVIS P | OTP | |

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> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FISHER MARLEY | OTP | |

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> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| FULLER RAND | OTP-AM | H-134 |

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.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 159 provides 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.

LD 712

An Act to Exempt Organized Veterans Groups from Motor Vehicle Registration of Ceremonial Vehicles

PUBLIC 116

Sponsor(s)
CARR
KILKELLY

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-178

LD 712 proposed that vehicles owned by organized veterans groups and used exclusively for ceremonial activities are exempt from registration requirements and fees.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-178) proposed to clarify that the inspection requirements in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, chapter 15, subchapter I apply to vehicles owned by organized veterans groups and used exclusively for ceremonial activities.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 116 provides that vehicles owned by organized veterans groups and used exclusively for ceremonial activities are exempt from registration requirements and fees. The inspection requirements in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, chapter 15, subchapter I still apply to these vehicles.

LD 718

An Act Concerning Disability Registration Plates and Placards

PUBLIC 35

Sponsor(s)
FULLER
RAND

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 718 proposed to allow physician assistants and nurse practitioners to make the necessary certifications for issuance of special registration plates or placards to persons with disabilities.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 35 allows physician assistants and nurse practitioners to make the necessary certifications for issuance of special registration plates or placards to persons with disabilities.