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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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LD 1097 **An Act to Provide Nesting Areas for Ospreys Displaced by Department of Transportation Bridge Repair** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SMALL ETNIER	ONTP	

LD 1097 proposed to provide for the relocation of nesting areas for ospreys that are displaced by bridge repair or maintenance within the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation.

LD 1120 **Resolve, to Direct the Secretary of State's Office to Institute an Organ and Tissue Donor Registry** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARDSON	ONTP	

LD 1120 proposed to direct the Secretary of State to institute an organ and tissue donor registry system based on the donor registry system in the State of Michigan.

LD 1122 **An Act to Exempt Clergy from Using a Social Security Number on a Driver's License** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SHERMAN	ONTP	

LD 1122 proposed to exempt a minister, member of a religious order or Christian Science practitioner who has received an exemption from self-employment tax from the federal Internal Revenue Service from the requirement that a person's social security number be provided upon application or renewal for a license or nondriver identification card.

LD 1259 **An Act to Protect Maine Citizens from Uninsured Motorists** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACDOUGALL CARPENTER	ONTP	

LD 1259 proposed to require a law enforcement officer to summons a motor vehicle operator who can not provide evidence of insurance and to send a copy of the summons to the Department of Secretary of State. As proposed, if the motor vehicle owner fails to provide proof of insurance to the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles by the end of the third business day after the summons, the Secretary of State could suspend the motor vehicle's registration. The bill also proposed to establish an additional penalty of \$500 if a person is stopped for a routine motor vehicle violation, \$1,000 if a person is arrested for OUI and \$1,000 plus restitution if a person is involved

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in a vehicular accident and fails to produce evidence of liability insurance or financial responsibility. The bill also proposed to require insurance companies to notify the Secretary of State if an insured person allows the insurance to lapse on a motor vehicle.

LD 1271 **An Act Regarding the Budget for the Maine Turnpike Authority for 2002** **P & S 29**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-598
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LD 1271 proposed to make allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2002 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-598) proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 29 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2002 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

LD 1272 **An Act to Allow Fire Police Constables to use Roof-mounted Emergency Lights** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> USHER O'GARA	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1272 proposed to allow fire police constables, who are used for traffic and crowd control at the scene of an emergency, to use permanently roof mounted flashing red signal lights while the constable is at the scene of a fire or other emergency.

LD 1275 **An Act to Exempt 100% Disabled Veterans from Paying the Excise Tax and Registration Fee on Motor Vehicles** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MURPHY E	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1275 proposed to exempt 100% disabled veterans from the excise tax and registration fee requirements on a motor vehicle.