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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:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted</i>
<i>OTP ND</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft</i>
<i>OTP ND/NT</i>	<i>Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

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 1282

Resolve, to Change Route Designations of Certain Interstates and to Change the Interstate Exit Numbering System

RESOLVE 57

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAVAGE C		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-183
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LD 1282 proposed to require that the Department of Transportation work with the Maine Turnpike Authority, the Federal Highway Administration and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials to redesignate all of the Maine Turnpike as I-95 and to redesignate current I-95 from Falmouth to West Gardiner as I-295. In addition, the resolve proposed to require that Maine's interstate exits be renumbered to reflect mileage.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-183) proposed to redesignate I-95 from Falmouth to West Gardiner as I-495.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-337) proposed to require that the Maine Turnpike Authority reimburse businesses for the cost of making changes to advertising and promotional materials necessitated by changes to exit numbers on the Maine Turnpike and other segments of the State's interstate highway system. Those costs must be reimbursed from existing budgeted resources upon receipt of an invoice or invoices from an affected business.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-335), as amended by Committee Amendment "A," proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to work with the Federal Highway Administration, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the Maine Turnpike Authority to improve the system of interstate and exit numbering in the State. This amendment proposed that no exit north of Augusta on I-95 may be affected.

Senate Amendment "B" (S-338) proposed to add a requirement to the original bill that the interstate highway system mile markers start at the easternmost point of the State's interstate highway system.

Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-336), as amended by Committee Amendment "A," proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to work with the Federal Highway Administration, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the Maine Turnpike Authority to improve the system of interstate and exit numbering in the State. This amendment proposed that the Legislature endorses changes to the interstate exit numbering system that lessens confusion caused by exits on different segments of highway bearing the same designation and that increases the gap between numerical designations of exits to facilitate the addition of new interchanges between existing ones.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2001, chapter 57 requires that the Department of Transportation work with the Maine Turnpike Authority, the Federal Highway Administration and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials to redesignate all of the Maine Turnpike as I-95 and to redesignate current I-95 from Falmouth to West Gardiner as I-495. In addition, the resolve requires that Maine's interstate exits be renumbered to reflect mileage.