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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
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:

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 1285

An Act to Make Supplemental Highway Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2001, June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003

**PUBLIC 440
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVAGE C	OTP-AM MAJ	S-344
FISHER	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1285 proposed to do the following:

Part A made supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund.

Part B did the following:

1. Made supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes; and
2. Made supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C amended the law to increase motor vehicle and trailer title fees by \$8.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-344), the committee majority report, proposed to do the following.

Part A made supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund.

Part B did the following:

1. It made supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
2. It made supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes; and
3. It made supplemental allocations from the Island Ferry Services Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C amended the law to increase motor vehicle and trailer title fees by \$8.

Part D made supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund, Highway Garage Fund and Federal Expenditures Fund to accomplish a reorganization of certain programs within the Department of Transportation.

Part E authorized financing for the renovation of the Department of Transportation headquarters building.

Part F made supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund to provide mobile data terminals for State Police patrol cars, to restore and add funding for highway and bridge improvement projects and to adjust funding for the Urban-Rural Initiative Program.

Part G lapsed funds from the Highway Fund Salary Plan to the Highway Fund.

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Part H made supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund to reimburse certain municipalities for sand and salt building projects and to provide funding for certain sand and salt building projects for the Department of Transportation.

Part I authorized the Maine Turnpike Authority to enter into contracts with other states and entities authorized by other states.

Part J allowed another person who has been issued a school bus instruction permit to be a passenger on a bus when it is being operated by a school bus permittee.

Part K required the Secretary of State to convene a task force to study the municipal excise tax and other motor vehicle registration fees.

Part L altered the requirements for reflective materials used by bicycles, motorized bicycles or tricycles during nighttime use.

Committee Amendment "B" (S-345), the committee minority report, proposed to do the following.

Part A made supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund.

Part B did the following:

1. It made supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
2. It made supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes; and
3. It made supplemental allocations from the Island Ferry Services Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C amended the law to increase motor vehicle and trailer title fees by \$6.

Part D made supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund, Highway Garage Fund and Federal Expenditures Fund to accomplish a reorganization of certain programs within the Department of Transportation.

Part E authorized financing for the renovation of the Department of Transportation headquarters building.

Part F made supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund to provide mobile data terminals for State Police patrol cars, to restore and add funding for highway and bridge improvement projects and to adjust funding for the Urban-Rural Initiative Program.

Part G lapsed funds from the Highway Fund Salary Plan to the Highway Fund.

Part H made a supplemental allocation from the Highway Fund to reimburse certain municipalities for sand and salt building projects.

Part I authorized the Maine Turnpike Authority to enter into contracts with other states and entities authorized by other states.

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Part J allowed another person who has been issued a school bus instruction permit to be a passenger on a bus when it is being operated by a school bus permittee.

Part K required the Secretary of State to convene a task force to study the municipal excise tax and other motor vehicle registration fees.

Part L altered the requirements for reflective materials used by bicycles, motorized bicycles or tricycles during nighttime use.

Part M authorized the transfer of funds, subject to available unallocated balances of the Highway Fund, for minimum shift coverage for State Police and for the construction of Priority 1 sand and salt building projects for the Department of Transportation.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 440 does the following:

Part A makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund.

Part B does the following:

1. It makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;
2. It makes supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes; and
3. It makes supplemental allocations from the Island Ferry Services Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C amends the law to increase motor vehicle and trailer title fees by \$8.

Part D makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund, Highway Garage Fund and Federal Expenditures Fund to accomplish a reorganization of certain programs within the Department of Transportation.

Part E authorizes financing for the renovation of the Department of Transportation headquarters building.

Part F makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund to provide mobile data terminals for State Police patrol cars, to restore and add funding for highway and bridge improvement projects and to adjust funding for the Urban-Rural Initiative Program.

Part G lapses funds from the Highway Fund Salary Plan to the Highway Fund.

Part H makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund to reimburse certain municipalities for sand and salt building projects and to provide funding for certain sand and salt building projects for the Department of Transportation.

Part I authorizes the Maine Turnpike Authority to enter into contracts with other states and entities authorized by other states.

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Part J allows another person who has been issued a school bus instruction permit to be a passenger on a bus when it is being operated by a school bus permittee.

Part K requires the Secretary of State to convene a task force to study the municipal excise tax and other motor vehicle registration fees.

Part L alters the requirements for reflective materials used by bicycles, motorized bicycles or tricycles during nighttime use.

Public Law 2001, chapter 440 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 21, 2001.

LD 1342 **An Act to Enhance, Upgrade and Encourage Passenger Rail Service in Maine through the Creation of a Rail Trust Fund** **ONTP**

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

LD 1342 proposed to create the Passenger Rail Trust Fund to be used for maintenance and improvements to passenger rail infrastructure, the purchase or lease of real property to support passenger rail service, operating assistance to passenger rail service providers offering service in Maine, a tax-credit incentive for on-time service performance by passenger rail service providers offering service in Maine and passenger rail planning provided by the Department of Transportation.

Proposed sources of funds included all excise tax revenues collected from railroad companies, use tax revenues on special fuel tax refunds collected from railroad companies and a surtax collected from railroad companies that use infrastructure supported by the fund based on passenger use per track-mile.

This bill was jointly referred to the joint Standing Committee on Taxation and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

LD 1353 **An Act to Increase the Maine Turnpike Authority Bond Limit** **PUBLIC 311**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVAGE C MCNEIL	OTP	

LD 1353 proposed to increase the Maine Turnpike Authority bond limit to provide for the financing of ongoing capital improvements to the turnpike.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 311 increases the Maine Turnpike Authority bond limit to provide for the financing of ongoing capital improvements to the turnpike.