

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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
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 1361**

**An Act to Allow the Maine Turnpike Authority to Levy an  
Administrative Fee against Toll Evaders**

**PUBLIC 154**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAVAGE C MCNEIL	OTP-AM	S-82

LD 1361 proposed to give the Maine Turnpike Authority the authority to levy and collect from the registered owner of a vehicle that fails to pay a toll an administrative fee of \$20 per toll not paid. This bill proposed to place the burden for proving that the toll and administrative fee have been paid upon the registered owner.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-82)** proposed to exempt certain types of vehicles from the administrative fee authorized by the bill.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 154 gives the Maine Turnpike Authority the authority to levy and collect from the registered owner of a vehicle that fails to pay a toll an administrative fee of \$20 per toll not paid. This law places the burden for proving that the toll and administrative fee have been paid upon the registered owner. Certain types of vehicles are exempt from the administrative fee.

**LD 1380**

**An Act Regarding Uninsured Drivers**

**PUBLIC 463**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CATHCART BROOKS	OTP-AM	S-144 S-334 CATHCART S-397 SAVAGE C

LD 1380 proposed to authorize the Secretary of State to suspend the license of an uninsured person that is involved in a motor vehicle accident and causes damage to another motor vehicle or a person until the operator has paid for all damages to the other motor vehicle or the person. The bill also proposed to require an insurance company to notify the Secretary of State if an insured person allows the insurance to lapse on a motor vehicle.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-144)** replaced the bill and proposed to require that an insurer of a motor vehicle registered in Maine notify the Secretary of State when the insurance on that motor vehicle is cancelled, terminated or lapses. It proposed that the Secretary of State be required to suspend the motor vehicle owner's registration certificate and plates until the owner provides evidence of insurance to the Secretary of State.

The amendment proposed a fine 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 in a vehicular accident and fails to produce evidence of liability insurance or financial responsibility.

The amendment also proposed to authorize the Secretary of State to suspend the license of an uninsured person who is determined to be at fault in a motor vehicle accident and causes damage to another vehicle or a person until the uninsured person has paid for the damage caused to the other motor vehicle or person.