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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*  
*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 1671**

**Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study Combining the Resources of the Maine Turnpike Authority and the Department of Transportation**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SHOREY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1671 proposed to create the Commission to Study Combining the Resources of the Maine Turnpike Authority and the Department of Transportation. As proposed, duties of the commission would have included the following: the identification of potential cost savings to turnpike users and taxpayers associated with combining the resources of the Maine Turnpike Authority and the Department of Transportation; the identification and resolution of conflicts or problems associated with combining the resources of the Maine Turnpike Authority and the Department of Transportation; the use of bond raising techniques and toll collection mechanisms used by the Maine Turnpike Authority to develop and implement other highway transportation projects; and the use of excess tolls collected on the existing turnpike system to assist in funding the Highway Fund or other special projects.

**LD 1683**

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Veterans Commemorative Decal Task Force**

**PUBLIC 453**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-221
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LD 1683 proposed to allow 3 sets of special veterans registration plates to be issued to a qualified veteran. The bill proposed to establish a maximum registered gross vehicle weight of 9,000 pounds for a vehicle to qualify for special veterans plates. The bill repeals the Korean War special commemorative decal and allows the issuance of 22 veteran decals to be used in connection with the special veterans registration plate.

**Committee Amendment “A” (H-221)** proposed to add an allocation section and fiscal note to the bill.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 453 allows 3 sets of special veterans registration plates to be issued to a qualified veteran. The bill establishes a maximum registered gross vehicle weight of 9,000 pounds for a vehicle to qualify for special veterans plates. The law repeals the Korean War special commemorative decal and allows the issuance of 22 veteran decals to be used in connection with the special veterans registration plate.

Public Law 2001, chapter 453 was enacted with an effective date of November 5, 2001 to commemorate Veterans Day.