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*State Of Maine  
120th Legislature*

*Second Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Transportation*

*May 2002*

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**Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees**  
**May 2002**

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 arranged alphabetically by committee name 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:

<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 &amp; 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&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; Special Law</i>
<i>PASSED</i> .....	<i>Joint Order passed in both bodies</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 Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is July 25, 2002.

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## Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 486 allows a person with a Class C driver's license to operate an antique truck as long as the truck is not being operated in commerce but for recreational, pleasure or show purposes.

**LD 1841**

### **An Act to Allow Sharing of Information to Facilitate Interstate Cooperation Between Toll Agencies**

**PUBLIC 473**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FISHER DAGGETT	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 1841 proposed to allow the Maine Turnpike Authority to share patron information with other toll agencies in order to facilitate cooperation and interoperability between interstate toll agencies in areas such as electronic toll collection.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 473 allows the Maine Turnpike Authority to share patron information with other toll agencies in order to facilitate cooperation between interstate toll agencies and technical compatibility in areas such as electronic toll collection.

**LD 1844**

### **An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws**

**PUBLIC 671**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FISHER SAVAGE C	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-941 S-524 SAVAGE C

LD 1844 proposed to do the following.

1. It would allow the Secretary of State to suspend a driver's license or vehicle registration for delinquent accounts payable to the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles.
2. It would allow the Secretary of State to determine the appropriate compensation for 3rd-party agents who issue driver's license renewals.
3. It would place special mobile equipment and tractors into the staggered registration system. At the time of this proposal, for the initial registration, registrants often paid the full annual fee for a partial year.
4. It would provide the Secretary of State with the flexibility of issuing a special credential in lieu of a special plate. The credential would be used primarily to permit motor vehicles on short-term lease to be used for hire without displaying an "H" plate so long as the vehicle is covered by insurance and proper fees have been paid.
5. It would adjust the farm registration weight brackets to conform to the commercial registration weight brackets. Where the brackets have been adjusted, fees are proportional. This provision was intended to be revenue neutral.