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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 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.

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:

- 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
PASSED..... Joint Order passed in both bodies
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 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 513 clarifies the appropriate fine bases and fine schedules that apply for vehicle classes carrying special commodities.

Public Law 2001, chapter 513 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 7, 2002.

LD 1867

An Act to Ensure the Safety of Maine Children While Riding in a Vehicle

PUBLIC 585

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARLEY	OTP-AM MAJ	H-896
BENNETT	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1867 proposed to require a child who weighs less than 40 pounds to be secured in a child safety seat. The bill also requires a child who weighs at least 40 pounds but less than 80 pounds and who is less than 8 years of age to be secured in a child booster seat when riding in a motor vehicle. A child under 12 years of age or who weighs less than 100 pounds is required to be secured in the back seat of a vehicle, if it is possible to do so, if that vehicle is equipped with a front-seat, passenger-side air bag.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-896) was the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. This amendment proposed to replace the bill and to require a child who weighs less than 40 pounds to be secured in a child safety seat. The amendment also proposed to require a child who weighs at least 40 pounds but less than 80 pounds and who is less than 8 years of age to be secured in a federally approved child restraint system when riding in a motor vehicle. It also proposed to require that a child under 12 years of age or who weighs less than 100 pounds be secured in the back seat of a vehicle, if possible, regardless of whether or not the vehicle is equipped with a front seat, passenger-side air bag.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 585 requires a child who weighs less than 40 pounds to be secured in a child safety seat. It requires a child who weighs at least 40 pounds but less than 80 pounds and who is less than 8 years of age to be secured in a federally approved child restraint system when riding in a motor vehicle. It also requires that a child under 12 years of age who weighs less than 100 pounds be secured in the back seat of a vehicle, if possible, regardless of whether or not the vehicle is equipped with a front seat, passenger-side air bag.

LD 1881

An Act to Reduce Administration in the Right-of-way Process of the Department of Transportation

PUBLIC 485

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