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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

amendment to the Constitution of Maine to 50% of transportation funds that were appropriated by the Federal Government in the prior federal fiscal year.

**LD 1927**                      **Resolve, to Rename the Highland Avenue Bridge the Major General Henry Merriam Bridge**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SHERMAN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1927 proposed to rename the Highland Avenue Bridge in Houlton the Major General Henry Merriam Bridge in honor of a Houlton native who won the Medal of Honor in the Civil War.

**LD 1978**                      **An Act to Allow Maine to Participate in the Federal Pilot Program for Drivers Delivering Home Heating Oil**                      **PUBLIC 507**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARLEY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-807
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LD 1978 proposed to instruct the Commissioner of Public Safety to allow Maine to participate in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, or "FMCSA" pilot program that allows for a restart of drivers' hours in order to allow for flexibility in the hours-of-service regulations. This pilot program, which lasts for 3 years, is managed and monitored by the FMCSA and will provide data to the FMCSA for the purpose of evaluating current hours-of-service regulations.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-807)** proposed to clarify that rules adopted pursuant to the bill are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 507 instructs the Commissioner of Public Safety to allow Maine to participate in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, or "FMCSA" pilot program that allows for a restart of drivers' hours in order to allow for flexibility in the hours-of-service regulations. This pilot program, which lasts for 3 years, is managed and monitored by the FMCSA and will provide data to the FMCSA for the purpose of evaluating current hours-of-service regulations.

**LD 1982**                      **An Act to Reduce the Economic Impact of Seasonally Posted Roads**                      **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SULLIVAN BENNETT	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1982 proposed to allow municipalities to issue permits for vehicles to operate on any roads that may be posted. A municipality would be able to charge a fee for the permit subject to guidelines set by the Department of Transportation.