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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

LD 1984

**An Act to Modernize the Procurement Practices at the Department of Transportation**

**PUBLIC 689**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FISHER SAVAGE C	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-798
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LD 1984 proposed to update the procurement practices of the Department of Transportation by allowing for the posting of advertisements for bids on construction contracts on the Internet, instead of requiring the expense of legal notices in newspapers.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-798)** adds an appropriation and allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 689 updates the procurement practices of the Department of Transportation by allowing for the posting of advertisements for bids on construction contracts on the Internet, instead of requiring the expense of legal notices in newspapers.

**LD 2009**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Specialty License Plates**

**PUBLIC 623**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCNEIL O'GARA	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-928
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LD 2009 proposed to amend the laws governing specialty license plates to require the sponsor of specialty plates to provide a minimum number of signatures of support and to tighten the requirement regarding payment in advance of the manufacture of the specialty plate.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-928)** proposed to replace the bill and establish the lobster special registration plate and the Lobster Research, Education and Development Fund. It also proposed to establish the Maine Black Bears special registration plate and the Maine Black Bears Scholarship Fund. The amendment retained the provisions of the bill that tighten the requirements for the authorization of new specialty license plates.

### *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 623 establishes the lobster special registration plate and the Lobster Research, Education and Development Fund. It also establishes the Maine Black Bears special registration plate and the Maine Black Bears Scholarship Fund. The law also tightens the requirements for the authorization of new specialty license plates.