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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
on
Transportation*

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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees
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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).

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 & 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&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & 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

Committee Amendment "A" (S-462) proposed to replace the bill and exempt from payment of a title fee a towing company that tows an abandoned vehicle at the request of a law enforcement officer, claims the vehicle and declares that the vehicle is a total loss, and properly notifies the vehicle owner that the vehicle is claimed under the abandoned vehicle law. The amendment also proposed to clarify that notification from the Secretary of State to the owner and lienholder must inform the owner that the owner must pay \$23 to transfer the title. If the owner or person in possession of the proper document fails to deliver the proper document and registration plates to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State could suspend the owner's privilege to title or register a vehicle.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 563 exempts from payment of a title fee a towing company that tows an abandoned vehicle at the request of a law enforcement officer, claims the vehicle and declares that the vehicle is a total loss, and properly notifies the vehicle owner that the vehicle is claimed under the abandoned vehicle law. The law also clarifies that notification from the Secretary of State to the owner and lienholder must inform the owner that the owner must pay \$23 to transfer the title. If the owner or person in possession of the proper document fails to deliver the proper document and registration plates to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State may suspend the owner's privilege to title or register a vehicle.

LD 2082

An Act to Amend the Subdivision Review Criteria for Traffic

PUBLIC 560

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
		OTP-AM		H-867

LD 2082 was the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee to Study Growth Management. It proposed to amend the subdivision review criteria for traffic by requiring a determination that the proposed subdivision will not reduce the posted speed of a mobility arterial or retrograde arterial.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-867) proposed to replace the bill and to amend the subdivision review criteria for traffic by requiring documentation from the Department of Transportation that includes a finding that the proposed subdivision conforms to the law regulating entrances to highways.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2001, chapter 560 implements the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee to Study Growth Management. It amends the subdivision review criteria for traffic by requiring documentation from the Department of Transportation that includes a finding that the proposed subdivision conforms to the law regulating entrances to highways.