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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

Public Law 2001, chapter 565 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 26, 2002.

**LD 2150**

**An Act to Facilitate Water Well Drilling if Necessitated by  
Emergency Drought Conditions**

**PUBLIC 540  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
NUTTING J COLWELL	OTP-AM	S-469

LD 2150 proposed to allow a person operating a vehicle that is transporting well-drilling equipment to travel over a county or municipal way without a specific county or municipal permit during calendar year 2002.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-469)** proposed to allow a person operating a vehicle that is transporting well-drilling equipment to travel over a county or municipal way without a specific county or municipal permit during a period of drought emergency declared by the Governor, provided certain conditions were met.

## *Enacted law summary*

Public Law 2001, chapter 540 allows a person operating a vehicle that is transporting well-drilling equipment to travel over a county or municipal way without a specific county or municipal permit during a period of drought emergency declared by the Governor, provided certain conditions are met.

Public Law 2001, chapter 540 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 21, 2002.

**LD 2178**

**An Act to Implement the Minority Report of the Joint Standing  
Committee on Transportation Regarding the Final Report of the  
Task Force to Study the Municipal Excise Tax and Other Motor  
Vehicle Registration Fees**

**ONTP**

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

LD 2178 proposed to allow municipalities the option to offer up to a 10% discount in the amount of excise tax paid on motor vehicles.

**LD 2214**

**Resolve, to Establish and Fund the Task Force on Rail  
Transportation**

**RESOLVE 120  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>

LD 2214 proposed to establish and fund the Task Force on Rail Transportation. The task force would be comprised of legislators and non-legislators with rail interests. The duties of the task force would be to evaluate