

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
121st Legislature*

*Second Regular Session and  
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*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Transportation*

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*Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing Committees*

Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing and joint 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/billsumm.htm](http://www.state.me.us/legis/opla/billsumm.htm)).

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
- 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 that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is April 30, 2004; and non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Special Session is July 30, 2004. Four bills (LD's 1572, 1629, 1636 and 1637) that were considered at the First Special Session in August 2003 are also included in these summaries.

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## Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

**LD 155**

**An Act to Allow a Business to Obtain a Municipal Permit for One Off-premises Business Advertising Sign**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAVIS P		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 155 proposed to authorize municipalities to issue permits for off-site business advertising signs. It proposed to limit each business to one sign that may be placed only on private land within that municipality granting the permit and only with the permission of the landowner. It also proposed to prohibit the placement of more than one permitted sign on any one parcel of land. It further proposed certain size, style and placement requirements and allowed municipalities to place other limitations on such signs, including charging permit fees.

**LD 458**

**An Act Regarding Motorcycle Noise Emission Control Standards**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LEMOINE		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 458 proposed to prohibit a person from operating a motorcycle with an exhaust system that does not comply with federal noise standards. It also proposed to require that a motorcycle is equipped with an exhaust system that is the original manufacturer's equipment or a manufacturer approved replacement. It further proposed to institute a \$100 fine for a violation of this provision.

**LD 605**

**An Act To Increase the Bond Limit of the Maine Turnpike Authority**

**PUBLIC 566**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HATCH PH SAVAGE		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-411
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LD 605 proposed to increase the Maine Turnpike Authority's revenue bonding capacity from \$210,000,000 to \$260,000,000.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-411)** proposed to increase the Maine Turnpike Authority's revenue bonding capacity from \$291,000,000 to \$361,000,000 in order to incorporate changes made to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1968, subsection 1 in Public Law 2003, chapter 32.

### *Enacted Law Summary*

Public Law 2003, chapter 566 increases the Maine Turnpike Authority's revenue bonding capacity from \$291,000,000 to \$361,000,000.