

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
121st Legislature*

*First Regular Session*

*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Transportation*

*July 2003*

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# Maine State Legislature



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### 121st Maine Legislature First Regular Session

#### 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](http://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>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i> .....	<i>Bills carried over to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session</i>
<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 &amp; 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>P&amp;S XXX</i> .....	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 13, 2003.

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*Joint Standing Committee on Transportation*

**LD 323**

**An Act To Allow Modular Home Transporters To Obtain Trailer Transit Plates**

**PUBLIC 132  
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JOY BENNETT R	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-160
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LD 323 proposed to allow businesses that transport modular homes or frames for transporting modular homes to apply for a trailer transit license and plate.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-160)** proposed to add a cross-reference to the definition of "modular home."

*Enacted Law Summary*

Public Law 2003, chapter 132 allows businesses that transport modular homes or frames for transporting modular homes to apply for a trailer transit license and plate.

Public Law 2003, chapter 132 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 13, 2003.

**LD 357**

**Resolve, Regarding State Designation of Memorials Honoring  
Maine's Vietnam War Veterans**

**RESOLVE 3**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TREADWELL SAWYER	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-26
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LD 357 proposed to establish an official state memorial to honor the veterans of Maine who gave their lives while serving during the Vietnam War and those who are missing in action. The bill also proposed to authorize the Department of Transportation to erect signs identifying the memorial.

**Committee Amendment "A" (H-26)** proposed to replace the resolve. The amendment proposed to designate the State Vietnam Veterans' Memorial located in Capitol Park in Augusta, which was constructed in 1985 and funded in part by a \$10,000 appropriation by the Legislature, as the official state memorial to honor the Vietnam War veterans of Maine. It also proposed to allow that, notwithstanding this designation, the Legislature may designate other monuments, structures or property in other locations throughout the State as state memorials in honor of those veterans. The amendment further proposed to designate a monument to be erected in Bangor on the grounds of the Cole Land Transportation Museum as a state memorial to honor the Vietnam War veterans of Maine.

*Enacted Law Summary*

Resolve 2003, chapter 3 designates the State Vietnam Veterans' Memorial located in Capitol Park in Augusta as the official state memorial to honor the Vietnam War veterans of Maine. It allows that, notwithstanding this designation, the Legislature may designate other monuments, structures or property in other locations throughout the State as state memorials in honor of those veterans. It also designates a monument to be erected in Bangor on the grounds of the Cole Land Transportation Museum as a state memorial to honor the Vietnam War veterans of Maine.