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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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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).

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:

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| <i>CARRIED OVER PURSUANT TO HP 1212</i> | <i>Bills carried over to the 2nd 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 & 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&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 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 362

An Act To Rescind the Vehicle Registration of a Person Who Pays for That Registration with a Bad Check

ONTP

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| HUTTON | ONTP MAJ | |
| HATCH PH | OTP-AM MIN | |

LD 362 proposed to require the Secretary of State to rescind the vehicle registration of a person who pays the excise tax for the vehicle with a check that is returned because of insufficient funds, a stop-payment order or a closed account.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-203), the committee minority report, proposed to replace the bill with a revised procedure for suspending a motor vehicle registration. It proposed to require the tax collector to mail a written notice to a vehicle owner whose payment check has been returned by the bank and to notify the Secretary of State if the excise tax is not paid within 30 days after the mailing of the written notice. It proposed to direct the Secretary of State to suspend the motor vehicle registration upon being notified. The minority report was not adopted.

LD 365

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Antique Vehicles

PUBLIC 128

| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> | <u>Committee Report</u> | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| PEAVEY-HASKELL SAVAGE | OTP-AM | H-149 |

LD 365 proposed to allow vanity plates on certain vehicles with commercial registrations. The bill also proposed to allow an antique vehicle to pull a trailer or semitrailer as long as the vehicle is being used for recreational purposes or for exhibitions, club activities, parades or other functions of public interest and is not the owner's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-149) proposed to strike the language that would allow vanity plates on certain vehicles with commercial registrations.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 128 allows an antique vehicle to pull a trailer or semitrailer as long as the vehicle is being used for recreational purposes or for exhibitions, club activities, parades or other functions of public interest and is not the owner's primary mode of transportation of passengers or goods.