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*State Of Maine
121st Legislature*

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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).

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 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 424

**An Act To Increase the Availability of Handicapped Parking Spaces
for People with Disabilities**

PUBLIC 117

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARLEY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-165
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LD 424 proposed to require that the expiration date on a disability placard may not be handwritten. The bill proposed to create an identification card to certify eligibility for disability registration plates or placards. The bill also proposed to allow municipalities to apply time limits to on-street parking spaces reserved for handicapped persons.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-165) proposed to strike the language from the original bill, except for the provision that proposed to allow municipalities to apply time limits to on-street parking spaces reserved for handicapped persons.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 117 allows municipalities to apply time limits to on-street parking spaces reserved for handicapped persons.

LD 430

An Act To Clarify Ownership Rights to Repossessed Vehicles

PUBLIC 133

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MAYO USHER		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-60
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LD 430 proposed to clarify that ownership of a titled vehicle vests in the lienholder when the vehicle is repossessed by a lienholder, subject to the rights granted to the owner and the duties imposed on the lienholder under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 11, Article 9-A, Part 6.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-60) proposed to replace the bill. The amendment proposed to clarify that ownership of a titled vehicle vests in the lienholder when the vehicle is repossessed by a lienholder that is a supervised financial organization, subject to the rights granted to the owner and the duties imposed on the lienholder under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 9-A, Article 5, Part 1 and Title 11, Article 9-A, Part 6.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 133 clarifies that ownership of a titled vehicle vests in the lienholder when the vehicle is repossessed by a lienholder that is a supervised financial organization, subject to the rights granted to the owner and the duties imposed on the lienholder under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 9-A, Article 5, Part 1 and Title 11, Article 9-A, Part 6.