

# 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 462**

**An Act To Direct the Department of Transportation to Incorporate Regionalism into the Transit Bonus Payment Program**

**ONTP**

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

LD 462 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to adopt rules regarding the transit bonus payment program that give preference to towns that operate a transit service that has a regional component.

**LD 463**

**An Act to Enhance Integration of Transportation and Land Use Planning**

**PUBLIC 22**

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

LD 463 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to adopt a major substantive rule that establishes linkage between the Sensible Transportation Policy Act and comprehensive planning and land use regulation laws. The bill proposed that the rule must also promote investment incentives for communities that adopt and implement land use plans that minimize over-reliance on the state highway network.

*Enacted Law Summary*

Public Law 2003, chapter 22 requires the Department of Transportation to adopt a major substantive rule that establishes linkage between the Sensible Transportation Policy Act and comprehensive planning and land use regulation laws. The rule must also promote investment incentives for communities that adopt and implement land use plans that minimize over-reliance on the state highway network.

**LD 464**

**An Act To Allow Fire and Emergency Medical Services Response Vehicles To Display One Blue Light at the Rear of the Vehicle**

**PUBLIC 78**

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

LD 464 proposed to allow an ambulance, an emergency medical services vehicle, a fire department vehicle, a fire vehicle and a hazardous material response vehicle to be equipped with one blue light mounted at the rear of the vehicle, so that the light is visible to approaching traffic.

## Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

### *Enacted Law Summary*

Public Law 2003, chapter 78 allows an ambulance, an emergency medical services vehicle, a fire department vehicle, a fire vehicle and a hazardous material response vehicle to be equipped with one blue light mounted at the rear of the vehicle, so that the light is visible to approaching traffic.

**LD 482**                      **Resolve, To Name the Washington County Portion of US Rt. 9 the Tony Tamaro Memorial Highway**                      **RESOLVE 1**

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

LD 482 proposed to name the Washington County portion of United States Route 9 the Tony Tamaro Memorial Highway.

### *Enacted Law Summary*

Resolve 2003, chapter 1 names the Washington County portion of United States Route 9 the Tony Tamaro Memorial Highway.

**LD 493**                      **An Act Regarding the Use of Lights and Sirens on Personal Vehicles Used by Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel**                      **ONTP**

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

LD 493 proposed to permit municipal and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel to use sirens and flashing red, white and amber lights on personal vehicles while en route to or at the scene of a fire or other emergency. It also proposed to provide that such vehicles are covered by the rules of operation applying to authorized emergency vehicles. The bill also proposed to add requirements that must be met before a person may use a siren and flashing light on a personal vehicle.