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*State Of Maine
121st Legislature*

First Regular Session

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:

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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 1233

An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

PUBLIC 240

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCKENNEY | | <u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM | | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-256 |
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LD 1233 proposed to exempt used motor vehicle dealers who obtain motor vehicles at an auction outside the State from the requirement that they obtain from the sellers of those vehicles a written disclosure statement that includes historical information regarding mechanical defects and substantial damage. The bill proposed to provide for timely delivery of documentation necessary for the transfer of title to motor vehicles. The bill also proposed to allow a motor vehicle dealer to obtain all pertinent information about existing liens on a vehicle that a customer wants to trade in toward the purchase of another vehicle.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-256) proposed to clarify that motor vehicle dealers who obtain motor vehicles at an auction outside the State are exempt from the requirement that they obtain from the sellers of those vehicles a written disclosure statement, if the dealer clearly specifies on the written disclosure statement required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 1475, subsections 1 and 2-A that the vehicle was acquired at an out-of-state auction and that historical information regarding mechanical defects and substantial damage is not available. The amendment also proposed to clarify that, a lienholder, at the request of the owner, shall disclose only the existence and identity of subordinate lienholders listed on the certificate of title, the certificate of salvage or other written documentation held by the lienholder.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 240 exempts used motor vehicle dealers who obtain motor vehicles at an auction outside the State from the requirement that they obtain from the sellers of those vehicles a written disclosure statement, if the dealer clearly specifies on the written disclosure statement required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 1475, subsections 1 and 2-A that the vehicle was acquired at an out-of-state auction and that historical information regarding mechanical defects and substantial damage is not available.

The law also provides for timely delivery of documentation necessary for the transfer of title to motor vehicles. It allows a motor vehicle dealer to obtain all pertinent information about existing liens on a vehicle that a customer wants to trade in toward the purchase of another vehicle. It also clarifies that a lienholder, at the request of the owner, is required to disclose only the existence and identity of subordinate lienholders listed on the certificate of title, the certificate of salvage or other written documentation held by the lienholder.

LD 1245

Resolve, Regarding the Widening of Route 26 in Poland

ONTP

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| <u>Sponsor(s)</u> SNOWE-MELLO BLAIS | | <u>Committee Report</u> ONTP | | <u>Amendments Adopted</u> |
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LD 1245 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to take certain action in connection with the effect of the widening of Route 26 in Poland on property owned by Duane and Barbara Martin, including providing monetary compensation for lost property and damage to trees located on the property.