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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:

<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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LD 1263

Resolve, To Promote Construction of Off-road Bike and Walking Paths along the Busiest Commuting Corridors of the State

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WOODBURY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1263 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to conduct a study on the feasibility and expense of constructing a network of off-road bike and walking paths along the commuting corridors with the highest volume of traffic in the State.

LD 1322

An Act To Make Supplemental Highway Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2004 and June 30, 2005

**PUBLIC 490
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> USHER HATCH PH		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-589
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LD 1322 proposed to do the following:

Part A made supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund; and

Part B made supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-589) proposed to do the following:

Part A proposed to make revised supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund;

Part B proposed to make revised supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;

Part C proposed to make an additional supplemental allocation from the Highway Fund; and

Part D proposed to allow a-speed vehicle loaned to a municipality by a dealer to be subject to the same registration and title requirements and exemptions as other vehicles loaned by a dealer to a municipality.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-309) proposed to remove that part of Committee Amendment "A" that allocated funds to the Office of Program Evaluation and Governmental Accountability.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 490 does the following:

Part A makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund;

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Part B makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes;

Part C makes an additional supplemental allocation from the Highway Fund; and

Part D allows a low-speed vehicle loaned to a municipality by a dealer to be subject to the same registration and title requirements and exemptions as other vehicles loaned by a dealer to a municipality.

Public Law 2003, chapter 490 was passed as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2003.

LD 1324

An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and Highway Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2004 and June 30, 2005

**PUBLIC 40
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1324 proposed to do the following:

Part A proposed to make allocations from the Highway Fund;

Part B proposed to make allocations from the Highway Fund representing reduction proposals or adjustments; and

Part C recognized the impact of pending revenue reductions as a result of proposed legislation in the unified General Fund budget.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-67) proposed to do the following:

Part A proposed to make allocations from the Highway Fund;

Part B proposed to make allocations from the Highway Fund representing reduction proposals or adjustments;

Part C proposed to authorize the Department of Public Safety to charge an overhead rate of 5% to the Maine Turnpike Authority for the expenditures of the Maine State Police Turnpike Enforcement program. It also proposed to authorize the Department of Public Safety to reclassify 4 positions; and

Part D proposed to authorize the State Budget Officer to calculate and transfer various statewide personal service savings.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 40 does the following:

Part A makes allocations from the Highway Fund;

Part B makes allocations from the Highway Fund representing reduction proposals or adjustments;