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*State Of Maine
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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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Part C authorizes 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 authorizes the Department of Public Safety to reclassify 4 positions; and

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

Public Law 2003, chapter 40 was enacted as an emergency measure effective July 1, 2003.

LD 1329 **Resolve, To Rename the Paddy Hill Road in Medford the Clyde Hichborn Road** **RESOLVE 19**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARTIN DUPREY G	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-78
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LD 1329 proposed to rename the Paddy Hill Road in Medford the Clyde Hichborn Road.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-78) proposed to correct the spelling of Paddy Hill Road in Medford.

Enacted Law Summary

Resolve 2003, chapter 19 renames the Paddy Hill Road in Medford the Clyde Hichborn Road.

LD 1334 **An Act To Require That Replacement Automobile Lights Conform to Federal Standards** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCKEE	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1334 proposed to require the Chief of the State Police within the Department of Public Safety to adopt routine technical rules regarding the replacement of exterior lights on passenger vehicles. Under the proposed bill, the rules would not be more restrictive than those requirements specified in the federal motor vehicle safety standards.

LD 1375 **An Act To Delay the Fiscal Sustainability of the Highway Fund** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> USHER HATCH PH	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1375 proposed to delay the adjustment for inflation of the excise tax on internal combustion engine fuel and distillates from 2003 to 2005.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-121), the committee minority report, proposed to replace the bill and to repeal the indexing of motor fuel tax rates. The amendment also proposed to increase the gasoline tax by 3¢ and increase the special fuels tax by 3¢. The amendment further proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill. (Not adopted)

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-234) proposed to strike the language from the amendment that would increase the gasoline tax by 3¢ and increase the special fuels tax by 3¢. (Not adopted)

LD 1379 **An Act To Make Additional Allocations From the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of State Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003** **PUBLIC 41
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> USHER HATCH PH	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-69
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LD 1379 proposed to do the following:

Part A proposed to make allocations of funds for fiscal year 2002-03;

Part B proposed to make allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes;

Part C proposed to authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services on behalf of the Department of the Secretary of State to enter into financing arrangements for the acquisition of software and systems for a motor vehicle database and computer system to support the operations of the Department of the Secretary of State as approved in Public Law 2001, chapter 361, section 35. It also authorized the Department of Transportation to establish lease-purchase contracts for the procurement of vans, buses and other transportation vehicles;

Part D proposed to amend Public Law 1997, chapter 674, the authority for lease-purchase for engineering vehicles or equipment and other vehicles and equipment for Motor Transportation Service; and

Part E proposed to lapse funds from the Highway Fund Compensation and Benefits Plan to the unallocated balance of the Highway Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-69) proposed to remove funding from the bill for increased costs to the Secretary of State's office for computer-related costs.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 41 does the following:

Part A makes allocations of funds for fiscal year 2002-03;

Part B makes allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes;