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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

12. It provides that a license applicant who has not been licensed to operate a motor vehicle in this State or in another jurisdiction within the past 5 years must pass a complete examination;
13. It increases the fee assessed for failure to appear for a scheduled driver's license examination;
14. It repeals the provision exempting persons 65 years of age and older from the picture license requirement;
15. It clarifies the fee for duplicate licenses and increases license renewal fees;
16. It establishes a 5-year commercial driver's license for persons under 65 years of age consistent with American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration recommendations;
17. It clarifies that an accident report may be submitted to the Chief of State Police in electronic format and requires the Chief of the State Police to send all police accident reports to the Secretary of State;
18. It repeals the requirement that a person involved in an accident file a written report with the Secretary of State within 48 hours after the accident;
19. It clarifies the periods of license suspension that apply to administrative determinations for excessive blood-alcohol level made by the Secretary of State;
20. It implements the requirements of the federal USA PATRIOT ACT relating to security threat assessment for individuals applying for or receiving hazardous material endorsement for a commercial driver's license;
21. It delays the effective date for the implementation of the requirement that a company insuring a motor vehicle notify the Secretary of State when insurance coverage is cancelled to January 1, 2005. This provision was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 5, 2003; and
22. It requires that the Secretary of State report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by April 1, 2004 on the status of the implementation of the electronic notification of insurance cancellation.

Unless otherwise noted above, this law takes effect October 1, 2003.

LD 1599

An Act To Declare Maine Aviation and Aerospace Education Week

PUBLIC 256

Sponsor(s)

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1599 proposed to designate the 3rd week in April as Maine Aviation and Aerospace Education Week. This bill was not referred to committee but was enacted.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2003, chapter 256 designates the 3rd week in April as Maine Aviation and Aerospace Education Week.