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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 Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
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Enclosed please find a summary of all bills, resolves, joint study orders, joint resolutions and Constitutional resolutions that were considered by the joint standing 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 organized by committees 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. A subject index for each committee is included immediately before the bill summaries for that committee, and a numerical index by LD number is included 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:

- CARRIED OVER Bill Carried Over to Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES..... House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote
FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE..... Bill failed to get majority vote
FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT..... Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP..... Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED..... Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is June 29, 2005; and for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Special Session is September 17, 2005.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 823

Resolve, To Allow for Seasonal Commercial Vehicle Registration

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> THOMPSON SNOWE-MELLO		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 823 proposed to direct the Secretary of State to establish a new commercial vehicle registration class for seasonal commercial vehicles, so that seasonal registrations can be suspended for a period of time without penalty and resumed within the year.

LD 831

An Act To Clarify the Law Relating to Motor Vehicle Repair Posters

PUBLIC 189

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCKENNEY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-249
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LD 831 proposed to require that motor vehicle repair facilities provide notice that a fee for shop supplies is being charged if the repair facility charges a separate line item for shop supplies. It also proposed to permit a repair facility to bill shop supplies as a percentage of labor or by other calculation as a single line item and would require the repair facility to explain shop supplies upon request.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-249) replaced the bill and proposed to clarify that a repair facility must provide notice that a fee for shop supplies is being charged if the repair facility charges a separate line item for shop supplies. The amendment also proposed to require repair facilities to provide notice that the repair facility used the same labor rate method in estimates and charges to customers. The amendment further proposed to repeal a provision of law that requires a motor vehicle repair notice to include information on the National Automobile Dealer's Association Official Used Car Guide New England Edition.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 189 clarifies that a repair facility must provide notice that a fee for shop supplies is being charged if the repair facility charges a separate line item for shop supplies. The law requires repair facilities to provide notice that the repair facility used the same labor rate method in estimates and charges to customers. It also repeals a provision of law that requires a motor vehicle repair notice to include information on the National Automobile Dealer's Association Official Used Car Guide New England Edition.