

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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*State Of Maine  
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*First Regular Session and  
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*Bill Summaries*

*Joint Standing Committee  
on  
Transportation*

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Summary of Legislation Considered by the Joint Standing Committees
August 2005

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 1333**

**Resolve, To Require the Department of Transportation To Improve Highway Signs in the Greater Augusta Area**

**ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAVAGE		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1333 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to consult with greater Augusta industries and the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce and erect directional signs to assist drivers to determine the best routes available to business services and the best routes available to Augusta from the coast and to the coast from Augusta.

**LD 1337**

**An Act To Allow Firefighters and Emergency Service Personnel To Direct Traffic**

**PUBLIC 167**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> NASS R		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-167
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LD 1337 proposed to create the position of "public safety official" and authorize this position to control traffic in emergency situations. It also proposed to provide that failure to comply with the directions of a public safety official commits a traffic infraction for which the registered owner of the vehicle is responsible unless proven otherwise.

**Committee Amendment "A" (S-167)** proposed to replace the bill and would authorize municipal and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel to direct traffic at or reroute traffic around an emergency scene or training operation if the firefighters or emergency medical service personnel are trained in traffic direction and designated as public safety traffic flaggers by the chief official of the fire department or the emergency medical service. It also proposed to create 2 new traffic infractions, one for the operator failing to obey a public safety traffic flagger and the other for the registered owner of a vehicle involved in such an incident.

***Enacted law summary***

Public Law 2005, chapter 167 authorizes municipal and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel to direct traffic at or reroute traffic around an emergency scene or training operation if the firefighters or emergency medical service personnel are trained in traffic direction and designated as public safety traffic flaggers by the chief official of the fire department or the emergency medical service. The law also creates 2 new traffic infractions, one for the operator failing to obey a public safety traffic flagger and the other for the registered owner of a vehicle involved in such an incident.