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Bill Summaries

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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 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/billsumm.htm).

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:

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
P&S XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PASSED.....	Joint Order passed in both bodies
PUBLIC XXX.....	Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX.....	Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED (Pocket Veto).....	Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....	Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note that the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is August 23, 2006.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 1430

An Act To Establish Special License Plates To Honor Maine Residents Serving Overseas

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PILON SULLIVAN	ONTP	

LD 1430 proposed to authorize the issuance of a special registration plate for any service member in Maine who has served on or after September 11, 2001. The proceeds of the sale of these plates would go to a special fund to assist family members of those serving overseas. It also proposed to authorize the issuance of a special registration plate for those supporting our troops, and these funds also would go to a special fund to assist family members of those serving in the war or for similar purposes requiring special funds. The bill also proposed to direct the Secretary of State to copyright the design of these plates and offer the designs to other states for a fee.

LD 1464

An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Motorized Scooters, Motor-driven Cycles and Mopeds

**PUBLIC 577
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAMPSON SAVAGE	OTP-AM	H-730 H-747 MCKENNEY

LD 1464 proposed to amend the law regarding 2-wheeled and 3-wheeled vehicles and off-road vehicles.

The bill proposed to:

1. Amend the definition of "moped" and "motorized scooter" by including criteria for wheel size and electric-powered motors;
2. Repeal the definition of "motorcycle" and replaces it with a definition that includes criteria for wheels and electric-powered motors;
3. Repeal the definition of "motor-driven cycles";
4. Establish a definition of "off-road vehicle;" off-road vehicles, because of their size, shape, design and configuration, may not be operated on a public way unless operation is authorized by statute;
5. Amend the definition of "scooter" by excluding scooters that are powered by motors;
6. Enact a provision that off-road vehicles may not be registered under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A;
7. Remove references in Title 29-A to motor-driven cycles;
8. Eliminate the requirement that businesses that sell motor-driven cycles be licensed as motor vehicle dealers;
9. Remove a reference to motorized scooter under vehicles that are regulated as bicycles or toy vehicles;