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Bill Summaries

*Joint Standing Committee
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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

10. Establishes a provision to treat off-road vehicles operated on ways the same as all-terrain vehicles operated on ways;
11. Establishes a provision to make it a traffic infraction to operate an off-road vehicle on a public way or parking area;
12. Clarifies that the definition of a motor vehicle does not include an all-terrain vehicle unless the all-terrain vehicle is issued a special registration permit in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 501;
13. Clarifies that an all-terrain vehicle is not subject to licensing provisions under Title 29-A, chapter 11 unless the all-terrain vehicle is issued a special registration permit in accordance with Title 29-A, section 501;
14. Requires the operator of a motorized scooter to have a valid license of any class;
15. Allows municipalities to prohibit the use of motorized scooters on public ways; and
16. Requires motorized scooters to follow the same rules of the road as bicycles.

Public Law, chapter 577 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2006.

LD 1696

An Act To Clarify the Assessment of Costs To Maintain a Private Way or Bridge

PUBLIC 479

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DIAMOND BRYANT M	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-450
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LD 1696 proposed to provide that the assessment for the repair or maintenance of a private way or bridge is applied proportionally on the owners according to their assessed valuation for property tax.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-450) proposed to provide that the assessment for the repair or maintenance of a private way or bridge is applied proportionally on the owners according to their assessed valuation for property tax. The amendment proposed to clarify that the assessed valuation for property tax is on each owner's parcel that is benefited by the private way or bridge.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 479 clarifies that the assessed valuation for property tax is on each owner's parcel that is benefited by the private way or bridge. It also provides that the assessment for repair or maintenance of a private way or bridge is applied proportionally on the owners according to their assessed valuation for property tax.