

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION



Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

May 2014

STAFF:

DEIRDRE SCHNEIDER, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
13 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333
(207) 287-1670
&
SUZANNE VOYNIK, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND PROGRAM REVIEW
5 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333
(207) 287-1635

MEMBERS:

SEN. EDWARD J. MAZUREK, CHAIR
SEN. LINDA M. VALENTINO
SEN. RONALD F. COLLINS

REP. CHARLES K. THERIAULT, CHAIR
REP. ANN E. PEOPLES
REP. ANDREW J. MCLEAN
REP. CHRISTINE B. POWERS
REP. ARTHUR C. VEROW
REP. R. WAYNE WERTS
REP. WAYNE R. PARRY
REP. JAMES S. GILLWAY
REP. ROBERT W. NUTTING
REP. BETH P. TURNER

STATE OF MAINE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND
ENACTED LAWS

The *Digest* is arranged within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER.....carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSESHouse & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCYenacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE.....emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT.....legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW.....sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY.....ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX chapter # of enacted public Law
RESOLVE XXX chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED.....Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature is August 1, 2014. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 1788

An Act To Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015

**PUBLIC 586
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THERIAULT MAZUREK	OTP-AM	H-830

Part A makes allocations.

Part B carries forward unexpended All Other funds as of June 30, 2014, in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program.

Part C renames the Suspense Receivable - Transportation program as the Receivables program. It also renames the Highway and Bridge Light Capital program as the Highway Light Capital program.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-830)

This amendment replaces the bill.

Part A makes allocations.

Part B carries forward unexpended All Other and Personal Services funds as of June 30, 2014 in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program.

Part C renames the Suspense Receivable - Transportation program as the Receivables program. It also renames the Highway and Bridge Light Capital program as the Highway Light Capital program and renames the Multimodal - Freight program as the Multimodal - Freight Rail program.

Part D transfers incremental funding provided in Public Law 2013, chapter 354, Part H for the State's contribution to state employee and retiree health insurance premiums from fiscal year 2013-14 to fiscal year 2014-15.

Part E reduces Highway Fund funding for retiree health insurance as the result of a new actuarial projection and requires the State Budget Officer to calculate the savings that apply against each account as a result of the changes in this Part and to distribute those savings by financial order upon the approval of the Governor as adjustments to appropriations and allocations.

Part F authorizes the Department of Transportation to sell, and the Maine Turnpike Authority to acquire, an approximately 1.9-mile segment of Interstate 95 in Kittery between the southerly terminus of the existing Maine Turnpike and the approach to the Piscataqua River Bridge for the sum of \$30,000,000, which is to be deposited in an Other Special Revenue Funds account to be allocated for the improvement of the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge, and makes certain changes to statutes governing the Maine Turnpike Authority to authorize actions necessary for it to comply with this Part. It also provides that the funding provided to reestablish the Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority must be used for the future capital repair and rehabilitation of the Piscataqua River Bridge and the planned replacement of the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge.

Part G restores merit and longevity pay in fiscal year 2014-15.

Part H requires the State Controller to lapse \$806,550 from the Department of Administrative and Financial

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

Services, Salary Plan program, Highway Fund account to the unallocated surplus of the Highway Fund no later than August 1, 2014.

Part I allows the Secretary of State, notwithstanding a current moratorium on the issuance of new decals for special veterans registration plates, to issue a Wabanaki decal to a person who has or receives a special veterans registration plate. It specifies that one set of two decals must be displayed on the front and back plates and sets the maximum price for the set at \$5.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2013, chapter 586 makes supplemental allocations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015.

Part A makes allocations.

Part B carries forward unexpended All Other and Personal Services funds as of June 30, 2014 in the Department of Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program.

Part C renames the Suspense Receivable - Transportation program as the Receivables program. It also renames the Highway and Bridge Light Capital program as the Highway Light Capital program and renames the Multimodal - Freight program as the Multimodal - Freight Rail program.

Part D transfers incremental funding provided in Public Law 2013, chapter 354, Part H for the State's contribution to state employee and retiree health insurance premiums from fiscal year 2013-14 to fiscal year 2014-15.

Part E reduces Highway Fund funding for retiree health insurance as the result of a new actuarial projection and requires the State Budget Officer to calculate the savings that apply against each account as a result of the changes in this Part and to distribute those savings by financial order upon the approval of the Governor as adjustments to appropriations and allocations.

Part F authorizes the Department of Transportation to sell, and the Maine Turnpike Authority to acquire, an approximately 1.9-mile segment of Interstate 95 in Kittery between the southerly terminus of the existing Maine Turnpike and the approach to the Piscataqua River Bridge for the sum of \$30,000,000, which is to be deposited in an Other Special Revenue Funds account to be allocated for the improvement of the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge, and makes certain changes to statutes governing the Maine Turnpike Authority to authorize actions necessary for it to comply with this Part. It also provides that the funding provided to reestablish the Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority must be used for the future capital repair and rehabilitation of the Piscataqua River Bridge and the planned replacement of the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge.

Part G restores merit and longevity pay in fiscal year 2014-15.

Part H requires the State Controller to lapse \$806,550 from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Salary Plan program, Highway Fund account to the unallocated surplus of the Highway Fund no later than August 1, 2014.

Part I allows the Secretary of State, notwithstanding a current moratorium on the issuance of new decals for special veterans registration plates, to issue a Wabanaki decal to a person who has or receives a special veterans registration plate. It specifies that one set of two decals must be displayed on the front and back plates and sets the maximum price for the set at \$5.

Public Law 2013, chapter 586 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 30, 2014.