

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 3 **An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Registration of Pickup Trucks** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LIBBY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 3 proposed to repeal language that requires pickup trucks pulling semitrailers to be registered as commercial vehicles if the combined gross weight of the pickup truck and the semitrailer exceeds 6,000 pounds.

LD 27 **An Act to Broaden the Requirements for Special Veterans Registration Plates** **PUBLIC 31**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LAFOUNTAIN MCALEVEY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-17
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Current law requires that a person who applies for a prisoner of war plate must have United States Armed Forces service. LD 27 proposed to add language that if a United States civilian citizen was interned as a prisoner of war, that person may receive a prisoner of war plate.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-17) proposed to add a requirement that a civilian interned as a prisoner of war submit an official form issued by the Federal Government that certifies that the person is a former prisoner of war to qualify for special veterans registration plates. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Current law requires that a person who applies for a prisoner of war plate must have United States Armed Forces service. Public Law 1997, chapter 31 adds language that if a United States civilian citizen was interned as a prisoner of war, that person may receive a prisoner of war plate. To obtain a plate a person must submit an official form issued by the Federal Government that certifies the person is a former prisoner of war to qualify for special veterans registration plates.

LD 28

An Act to Create Silver Star and Bronze Star License Plates

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAFOUNTAIN DAVIDSON	ONTP	

LD 28 proposed to authorize the Secretary of State to issue special plates for recipients of the Silver Star medal and the Bronze Star medal.

LD 42

An Act to Allow Veterans to Get Vanity Veteran License Plates

PUBLIC 69

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARD	OTP-AM	H-83

LD 42 proposed to give those veterans who, under current law, have the option of obtaining veteran-designated registration license plates the further option of obtaining vanity veteran registration plates.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-83) proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 69 gives those veterans who, under current law, have the option of obtaining veteran-designated registration license plates the further option of obtaining vanity veteran registration plates.

LD 46

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Law Enforcement Officers' Insurance Rates

PUBLIC 114

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHEELER E	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-125

LD 46 proposed to provide that the report of an accident filed by a law enforcement officer with the Chief of the State Police may not contain the name or date of birth of any law enforcement officer if the accident involved an officer who was operating a motor vehicle in the course and scope of the officer's employment.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-125) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to add to the laws regarding law enforcement officers' automobile insurance rates a reference to the general penalty that applies to a violation of those laws.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 114 adds to the laws regarding law enforcement officers' automobile insurance rates a reference to the general penalty that applies to a violation of those laws.

LD 48 **An Act to Allow Escorts of Certain Motor Vehicles by Any Police Officer** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WHEELER E FERGUSON		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 48 proposed to allow a county sheriff or municipal police officer to serve as an escort for certain oversized vehicles. Current law requires a State Police escort. See also LD 525.

LD 50 **An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Department of Transportation to Designate Truck Routes** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WHEELER E		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 50 proposed to clarify that the Department of Transportation may restrict the passage of trucks over ways and bridges and may designate truck routes when the department determines such passage would be unsafe or is likely to cause excessive damage. It also proposed to specify that the maximum fine for violating these provisions be \$50.

LD 51 **Resolve, to Name the South Warren Bridge in Memory of James Andrew "Drew" Griffith** **RESOLVE 3**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAVAGE		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 51 proposed to name the bridge in South Warren on Route 1 the James Andrew "Drew" Griffith Bridge.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 3 names the bridge in South Warren on Route 1 the James Andrew "Drew" Griffith Bridge.

LD 55 **An Act to Require Disclosure of Insurer on Motor Vehicle Registrations** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCALEVEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 55 proposed to require the Secretary of State to revise motor vehicle registration applications so that the name of the registrant's motor vehicle insurer is included in the Secretary of State's information request.

LD 78 **An Act to Increase the Fee for Car Inspections** **ONTP**

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

LD 78 proposed to increase the motor vehicle inspection fee from \$6 to \$11.

LD 102 **An Act to Repeal the Mandatory Driver Education Course** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERKINS	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 102 proposed to repeal the provision that requires a person under 17 years of age to present a certificate of successful completion of an approved driver education course before a driver's license may be issued.

LD 109 **An Act to Eliminate the Fine for Exceeding the Axle Weight Limit** **ONTP**

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

LD 109 proposed to eliminate the fine for exceeding the axle weight limit.

LD 110 **An Act to Exempt Certain Loaned Federal Vehicles from Certificates of Title** **PUBLIC 100
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LANE CATHCART	OTP-AM	H-126

LD 110 proposed to exempt from registration fees and certificate of title requirements vehicles donated by the Federal Government to an approved veterans' organization primarily for use in ceremonial activities.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-126) proposed to strike from the bill an exemption from registration fees for vehicles donated by the Federal Government to veterans' organizations. In addition, the amendment proposed to permit the Secretary of State to exempt from title and certificate of salvage requirements vehicles that are loaned by the Federal Government to veterans' organizations and municipalities. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 100 permits the Secretary of State to exempt from title and certificate of salvage requirements vehicles that are loaned by the Federal Government to veterans' organizations and municipalities. This law is effective April 18, 1997.

LD 116

An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Fog Lights

PUBLIC 115

Sponsor(s)
LAVERDIERE

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

Under current law, when approaching an oncoming vehicle or following a vehicle, the operator of a motor vehicle must turn off fog lights or auxiliary lights that exceed 20,000 candlepower. LD 116 proposed to expand that requirement to apply to all fog lights and auxiliary lights.

Enacted law summary

Under current law, when approaching an oncoming vehicle or following a vehicle, the operator of a motor vehicle must turn off fog lights or auxiliary lights that exceed 20,000 candlepower. Public Law 1997, chapter 115 expands that requirement to apply to all fog lights and auxiliary lights.

LD 119

**Resolve, to Name a Section of Route 26 in Bethel in Oxford County
in Memory of Captain Carl R. Churchill, United States Air Force,
Killed in Action in Laos, May 3, 1970**

RESOLVE 5

Sponsor(s)
BARTH
FERGUSON

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 119 proposed to name the part of Route 26 in Bethel that goes from the Greenwood-Bethel town line to the junction of the East Bethel Road in memory of Captain Carl R. Churchill, United States Air Force, killed in action May 3, 1970 in Laos.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 5 names the part of Route 26 in Bethel that goes from the Greenwood-Bethel town line to the junction of the East Bethel Road in memory of Captain Carl R. Churchill, United States Air Force, killed in action May 3, 1970 in Laos.

LD 124 **An Act to Repeal the Rental Fees for Road Signs** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FOSTER		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 124 proposed to repeal the provision for an annual fee for official business directional signs. There would have been only an initial fee.

LD 150 **An Act Regarding the Use of Lights and Sirens on Personal Vehicles Used by Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MORGAN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 150 proposed to permit municipal and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel to use a siren and flashing red and amber lights on a personal vehicle while en route to or at the scene of a fire or other emergency. It also proposed to require that such vehicles be covered by the rules of operation applying to authorized emergency vehicles.

LD 154 **An Act to Increase the Population Threshold at Which a Town is Responsible for Maintaining Highways** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LIBBY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 154 proposed to increase the population threshold at which a municipality must maintain certain state highways.

LD 161 **An Act to Require that Cargo Being Hauled by Trucks Be Covered** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CAREY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 161 proposed to require operators of gravel trucks to cover the gravel so that the gravel does not fall from the vehicle during transit.

LD 166

An Act to Issue Military Service Award License Plate Decals

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
LIBBY

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 166 proposed to authorize the issuance of a military service award decal to recipients of a military service award. The decal could have been attached to a special veterans registration plate.

LD 180

An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws Regarding Proof of Financial Responsibility and to Increase the Required Minimum Amounts of Liability Insurance Coverage

PUBLIC 176

Sponsor(s)
LEMAIRE
CLEVELAND

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-218
H-258 MAYO

LD 180 proposed to require a person adjudicated for the offense of failing to produce evidence of insurance to file proof of financial responsibility with the Secretary of State. The bill also proposed to increase the minimum amounts of automobile liability insurance coverage. The bill also proposed that a civil penalty of \$50 may be imposed upon an insurance carrier for each day after 15 days that an insurance carrier fails to notify the Secretary of State that a policy was not in effect at the time of an accident.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-218) proposed to change the bill by providing the Secretary of State authority to impose an administrative penalty of \$50 for each day after 15 days that an insurance carrier fails to notify the Secretary of State that a policy was not in effect at the time of an accident.

The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" (H-258) proposed to add a requirement that minimum amounts of insurance for medical payments be obtained in order to operate a motor vehicle. The amendment also proposed to add an application section to require all insurance policies to comply with the mandatory minimum limits of insurance by July 1, 1998.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 176 requires a person adjudicated for the offense of failing to produce evidence of insurance to file proof of financial responsibility with the Secretary of State. It also increases the minimum amounts of automobile liability insurance coverage. It provides the Secretary of State authority to impose an administrative penalty of \$50 for each day after 15 days that an insurance carrier fails to notify the Secretary of State that a policy was not in effect at the time of an accident. It also adds a requirement that minimum amounts of insurance for medical payments be obtained in order to operate a motor vehicle.

LD 197

Resolve, to Name a Portion of Highway in Milbridge in Honor of David Kennedy

RESOLVE 6

Sponsor(s)
LAYTON
CASSIDY

Committee Report
OTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 197 proposed naming the part of Route 1-A in Milbridge from the Main Street intersection to the Harrington town line after former Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives and town selectman David Kennedy.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 6 names the part of Route 1-A in Milbridge from the Main Street intersection to the Harrington town line after former Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives and town selectman David Kennedy.

LD 216

An Act to Abolish the \$3 Photograph Fee for Senior Citizen Drivers' Licenses

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
LIBBY

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 216 proposed to exempt people 65 years of age or older from paying the \$3 photograph fee when obtaining a driver's license.

LD 227

An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws Regarding Loss of License

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
GAGNE

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 227 proposed to require the Secretary of State to suspend, for up to one year, the driver's license of any person who has had the license for less than one year, is involved in an accident that results in bodily injury or death and is more than 50% at fault for that accident.

LD 228

An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Notify Counties of Planned Bridge Projects at the Time of Planning

PUBLIC 13

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHICK LIBBY	OTP	

LD 228 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to notify the county commissioners early in the process when a bridge in that county is being considered for capital improvement.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 13 requires the Department of Transportation to notify the county commissioners early in the process when a bridge in that county is being considered for capital improvement.

LD 242

An Act Requiring Reimbursement to Municipalities for Fire and Rescue on the Maine Turnpike

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MURPHY LAWRENCE	ONTP	

LD 242 proposed to require the Maine Turnpike Authority to reimburse municipalities for the cost of emergency services provided in response to an emergency on the turnpike.

LD 243

An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Include Timber in the Bidding Process for Construction of New Bridges or Bridge Repair

ONTP

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

LD 243 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of timber in bridge construction, reconstruction or repair projects and for the department to request information on the use of timber in designs submitted under a bidding process for bridge construction, reconstruction or repair. It also proposed to direct the department to give preference to timber construction when these designs are cost-effective.

LD 259

An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1997

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EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DRISCOLL CASSIDY	OTP-AM	H-14

LD 259 proposed to make supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-14) proposed supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund, the Federal Expenditure Fund and the Augusta State Airport Fund. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 5 makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund, the Federal Expenditure Fund and the Augusta State Airport Fund. This law is effective March 27, 1997.

LD 260

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Production and Issuance of Registration Plates

PUBLIC 311

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM A	H-364
	OTP-AM B	
	OTP-AM C	

LD 260 proposed to create a new design for the new general issue of registration plates that includes a chickadee, a pine cone and a pine tree tassel.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-364) proposed to specify that the Secretary of State must have the advice of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation when devising a numbering system for the new general issue of registration plates.

The amendment also proposed to authorize the continuation through the 118th Legislature of the Task Force on Production and Issuance of License Plates, which was created by Public Law 1995, chapter 645, Part C, section 15. Members of the task force would continue to serve, except that the 2 legislative members whose legislative terms have expired would be replaced with new appointments by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. The amendment would charge the task force with continuing its study of the equipment and technology used for the production of license plates and the methods of assigning identifiers to license plates.

The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-365), which was not adopted, was one of two minority reports of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

The amendment proposed to establish the new general issue registration plate design as an illustration of the West Quoddy Headlight.

The amendment also proposed to require the Secretary of State to seek the advice of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters when devising a numbering system for the new general issue of registration plates.

The amendment also proposed to authorize the continuation through the 118th Legislature of the Task Force on Production and Issuance of License Plates, which was created by Public Law 1995, chapter 645, Part C, section 15. Members of the task force would continue to serve, except that the two legislative members whose legislative terms have expired would be replaced with new appointments by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. The amendment would charge the task force with continuing its study of the equipment and technology used for the production of license plates and the methods of assigning identifiers to license plates.

The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Committee Amendment "C" (H-366), which was not adopted, was one of two minority reports of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

The amendment proposed that the new general issue registration plate include only black letters or numbers on a white background with no illustration.

The amendment also proposed to authorize the continuation through the 118th Legislature of the Task Force on Production and Issuance of License Plates, which was created by Public Law 1995, chapter 645, Part C, section 15. Members of the task force would continue to serve, except that the two legislative members whose legislative terms have expired would be replaced with new appointments by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. The amendment would charge the task force with continuing its study of the equipment and technology used for the production of license plates and the methods of assigning identifiers to license plates.

The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "B" (H-432) proposed to strike the provision in Committee Amendment "B" that requires license plates with an illustration of the West Quoddy Head light and replace it with language describing a plate that is the same as the current lobster license plate, but without the lobster and without the word "Vacationland." This amendment was not adopted.

House Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "B" (H-433) proposed to strike the provision in Committee Amendment "B" that requires license plates with an illustration of the West Quoddy Head light and replace it with language describing a plate that is the same as the current lobster license plate, but without the lobster. This amendment was not adopted.

House Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "B" (H-443) proposed to require that the new general issue of registration plates include only black letters or numbers on a white background with a border distinctly black. This amendment also proposed the Task Force on Production and Issuance of Registration Plates to consider the production of two specialty plates: one plate with the illustration of the West Quoddy Headlight and the other plate with the illustration of a chickadee, pine cone and tassel. It also proposed to authorize the task force to review the production of the environmental registration plate and the registration plate for the University of Maine System in its consideration of producing the two specialty plates. This amendment was not adopted.

House Amendment "A" (H-398) to Committee Amendment "C" (H-366) proposed to repeal the requirement that registration plates contain the word "Vacationland." This amendment was not adopted.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 311 creates a new design for the new general issue of registration plates that includes a chickadee, a pine cone and a pine tree tassel. It specifies that the Secretary of State must have the advice of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation when devising a numbering system for the new general issue of registration plates. It also authorizes the continuation through the 118th Legislature of the Task Force on Production and Issuance of License Plates, which was created by Public Law 1995, chapter 645, Part C, section 15. Members of the task force must continue to serve, except that the two legislative members whose legislative terms have expired must be replaced with new appointments by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. The law charges the task force with continuing its study of the equipment and technology used for the production of license plates and the methods of assigning identifiers to license plates.

LD 264 An Act to Create a License Plate for Women Veterans ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KILKELLY HATCH	ONTP	

LD 264 proposed to establish a specialty license plate for veterans who are women and who have been honorably discharged.

LD 279 An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Include Additional Criteria When Determining Whether to Take Over a Road ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BUNKER CATHCART	ONTP	

LD 279 proposed to add the impact of a classification of a highway on agriculture and forestry to the list of criteria the Department of Transportation must use in its rules for determining whether a road is a state aid, state highway or town way.

LD 299 An Act to Prohibit the Department of Transportation from Classifying a Road as a Town Way if 4,000 or More Vehicles Travel the Road Daily ONTP

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

LD 299 proposed to prohibit the Department of Transportation from classifying a road as a town way if that road serves 4,000 or more vehicles per day on average.

LD 322 **An Act to Require the Secretary of State to Revoke the Driver's License of a Person Involved in a Fatal Accident while Committing a Violation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A** **ONTP**

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

Currently, the Secretary of State has discretionary authority to administratively suspend a driver's license for good reason. LD 322 proposed to set a three-year license suspension period, consistent with the three-year administrative suspension period for OUI-related homicides, when the driver has caused the death of another person while engaged in conduct that is a violation of any provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, even if the driver was not under the influence.

LD 340 **An Act Relating to Consumer Rental Vehicles** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHARTRAND PINGREE	ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	

LD 340 proposed to provide that a rental company's insurance policy must provide primary coverage for rental cars and trucks.

LD 342 **An Act to Change the Eligibility Requirements for Free Registration Plates for Certain Veterans** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TESSIER LIBBY	ONTP	

Under current law a veteran must be 100% disabled in order to qualify for free disabled veteran registration plates. LD 342 proposed to reduce the required amount of disability to 50% or more.

LD 367 **An Act to Provide That the Operator of a Motor Vehicle Is Not Responsible for Securing in a Seat Belt a Passenger 18 Years of Age or Older** **PUBLIC 450**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TOWNSEND	OTP-AM	H-334 S-218 LIBBY S-343 LIBBY

LD 367 proposed to exempt limousine drivers from the responsibility of having paying passengers use a seat belt.

LD 423

An Act to Require That Headlights Be on during Inclement Weather

PUBLIC 249

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AMERO	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	S-137

LD 423 proposed a requirement that, whenever windshield wipers are used due to inclement weather conditions, headlights must also be used.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-137) proposed to strike the bill and provide that headlights must be used whenever windshield wipers are in constant use. The amendment also proposed adding a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 249 requires that headlights must be used whenever windshield wipers are in constant use.

LD 431

An Act to Improve the Rail Lines in Washington County and Establish an Intermodal Railroad Facility

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BUNKER CASSIDY	ONTP	

LD 431 proposed to require the Maine Port Authority and the Department of Transportation to establish an intermodal railroad facility in Calais to serve the port of Eastport.

LD 446

An Act to Make the Use of Stop Arm Warning Devices Mandatory on School Buses

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
KERR AMERO	ONTP	

LD 446 proposed to make mandatory the use of stop arms on all school buses.

LD 448 **Resolve, to Name the Entrances to the Donald V. Carter Bridge Connecting Winslow and Waterville the "Purple Heart Highway"** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> VIGUE CAREY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 448 proposed to name the road that crosses the Donald V. Carter Bridge from China Road in Winslow to Kennedy Memorial Drive in Waterville the "Purple Heart Highway."

LD 451 **An Act to Expand the Number of Lights Firefighters May Use on Their Cars** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JONES SA		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 451 proposed to permit an active member of a municipal or volunteer fire department, when authorized, to use any type of flashing signal light on a vehicle when en route to or at the scene of a fire or other emergency.

LD 489 **An Act Relative to the Improvement of the Maine Turnpike Authority** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MACKINNON		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 489 proposed to increase the amount of bonds the Maine Turnpike Authority may issue in connection with a widening of the turnpike from Exit 1 to Exit 6-A, if all or a portion of a project is approved under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, sections 1965 and 1965-A. The bill also proposed to clarify the Maine Turnpike Authority's obligations with respect to other aspects of transportation planning that pertain to such a project.

LD 525 **An Act to Increase the Availability and Reduce the Cost of Escorts for Over-limit Movements on the State's Roads** **PUBLIC 144
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MAYO SMALL		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-162
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LD 525 proposed that a county sheriff or municipal police officer may serve as an escort for certain oversized vehicles. Current law requires a State Police escort. The bill also proposed that a county sheriff or municipal police department may establish fees for escorts and that a permittee may select the law enforcement agency to provide the escort.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-162) proposed allowing a county sheriff or municipal police department to provide an escort for certain oversized vehicles for which a police escort is required. It also proposed a requirement that any escort for these oversized vehicles on the interstate highway system be provided by the State Police.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 144 permits a county sheriff or municipal police department to provide an escort for certain oversized vehicles for which a police escort is required. It also requires any escort for these oversized vehicles on the interstate highway system be provided by the State Police.

LD 544 **An Act Regarding the Penalty for Passing a Stopped School Bus** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CAMERON		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 544 proposed to remove the mandatory requirement that a person's driver's license be suspended for 30 days for the second violation of passing a stopped school bus within three years of the first offense.

LD 595 **An Act to Clarify the State's Authority to Acquire and Preserve Rail Corridors for Use as Transportation Corridors** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BOUFFARD FERGUSON		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 595 proposed to clarify the Department of Transportation's authority to acquire railroad lines and railroad property not only for rail purposes but for transportation purposes.

LD 617 **An Act to Prohibit Passing an Emergency Vehicle Using Its Lights and Siren** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TUTTLE JENKINS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 617 proposed to make it a Class E crime to pass an emergency vehicle that is flashing lights and using a siren.

LD 618

An Act to Make Allocations from the Transportation Safety Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999 and to Accelerate the Starting Date of the State Police Training Academy

**PUBLIC 394
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> KERR MICHAUD	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-515
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LD 618 proposed to make allocations from the Transportation Safety Fund for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-515) proposed to set the appropriate cap for the Department of Public Safety, accelerate the starting date of the Maine State Police Training Academy and replace the fiscal note.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 394 makes allocations from the Transportation Safety Fund for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999. It also accelerates the starting date of the Maine State Police Training Academy and replaces the fiscal note. This law is effective July 1, 1997.

LD 626

An Act to Provide for Department of Transportation Assistance in the Rehabilitation of Access Roads to Bridges of Historic Significance

PUBLIC 547

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MILLS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-92
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LD 626 proposed to permit towns to petition the Department of Transportation to reconstruct or rehabilitate a local road that provides access to a bridge of historic significance. The department would provide 75% of the funding and perform the work; the towns would provide 25% of the funding.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-92) proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 547 permits towns to petition the Department of Transportation to reconstruct or rehabilitate a local road that provides access to a bridge of historic significance. The department provides 75% of the funding and performs the work; the towns provide 25% of the funding.

LD 627

An Act to Reimburse Part-time Police Departments

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAGGETT	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 627 proposed to apportion 50% of the revenues collected through fines and forfeitures levied for traffic infractions to a municipality when law enforcement officers employed by the municipality issue the traffic summonses and the municipality employs less than three full-time officers.

LD 637 **An Act Concerning Shared Compensation for Traffic Violations for Municipalities** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL CAREY	ONTP	

LD 637 proposed to authorize municipal officers to enact local traffic ordinances and collect fines for violations. It also proposed to add a surcharge on fines for certain traffic violations and return the surcharge to the municipality enforcing the ordinances.

LD 640 **An Act Requiring Qualified Investigation of Certain Truck-related and Bus-related Fatalities** **PUBLIC 172**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LEMKE NUTTING	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-149

LD 640 proposed a requirement that the investigators from the Maine State Police accident reconstruction program and the commercial vehicle enforcement unit investigate a fatal accident involving a bus or a truck that weighs 10,000 pounds or more. It also proposed that a prosecution arising out of such an investigation be conducted by the Department of the Attorney General.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-149) proposed requiring a law enforcement officer who investigates an accident involving a bus or truck with a gross vehicle weight rating or a registered weight of 10,000 pounds or more that results in the death of any person to request a certified accident reconstructionist and the Bureau of State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit to assist in the investigation of the accident. The amendment also proposed requiring the Attorney General to designate an assistant attorney general familiar with federal commercial vehicle laws and regulations to serve as a resource to any district attorney who initiates a prosecution arising from an accident involving a bus or truck that weighs in excess of 10,000 pounds that results in the death of a person.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter requires a law enforcement officer who investigates an accident involving a bus or truck with a gross vehicle weight rating or a registered weight of 10,000 pounds or more that results in the death of any person to request a certified accident reconstructionist and the Bureau of State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit to assist in the investigation of the accident. It also requires the Attorney General to designate an assistant attorney general familiar with federal commercial vehicle laws and regulations to serve as a resource to

any district attorney who initiates a prosecution arising from an accident involving a bus or truck that weighs in excess of 10,000 pounds that results in the death of a person.

LD 649 **An Act Regarding Registration Plates for Motorcycle Trailers** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
AHEARNE PARADIS	ONTP	

LD 649 proposed to require that a registration plate issued for a trailer that is designed to be attached to or pulled by a motorcycle must be the same size as the registration plate issued for a motorcycle.

LD 653 **Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Consider a Lighthouse Design by Students of Noble Junior High School for the Next General Issue of License Plates** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACDOUGALL LAWRENCE	ONTP	

LD 653 proposed to require the Secretary of State to consider a lighthouse design by students of Noble Junior High School when developing a license plate design for a new general issue of license plates.

LD 679 **An Act to Authorize the Department of Transportation to Use Design-build Contracting for Development of a New Bath-Woolwich Bridge** **P & S 2
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SMALL MAYO	OTP-AM	S-10

LD 679 proposed to authorize the Department of Transportation to use the design-build method of contracting for development of a proposed new Bath-Woolwich Bridge. Under the design-build contracting method, a single contract is awarded to a qualified firm for both the design and construction phases of a project.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-10) proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 2 authorizes the Department of Transportation to use the design-build method of contracting for development of a proposed new Bath-Woolwich Bridge. Under the design-build contracting method, a single contract is awarded to a qualified firm for both the design and construction phases of a project. Chapter 2 was enacted as an emergency measure effective February 20, 1997.

LD 700 **An Act to Authorize the Department of Transportation to Cut
Brush and Trees along a Highway at the Request of a Business** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CAMPBELL		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 700 proposed to allow the Department of Transportation to remove trees and brush within the right-of-way of a state or state aid highway when a business requests the service to increase visibility of the business from the highway.

LD 703 **An Act to Allow Signs to Change an Unlimited Number of Times
per Day** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MACK HARRIMAN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 703 proposed to permit the message on changeable message board signs to be changed an unlimited number of times per day.

LD 711 **An Act to Require the Use of Headlights by Motor Vehicle Drivers
at All Times** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> O'NEAL		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 711 proposed to require the use of headlights anytime a motor vehicle is operated on a way.

LD 712 **An Act to Exempt Certain Driver Education Schools from License
Fees** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> O'NEAL		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 712 proposed to exempt a noncommercial driver education school that subsidizes 50% or more of the program from the license fees required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1354, subsection 5-A.

LD 726 **An Act to Increase the Bonding Limits of the Maine Turnpike Authority** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JOYCE		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 726 proposes to establish a \$100,000,000 bonding limit for the sole purpose of paying the cost of widening all or any portion of the Maine Turnpike between Exits 1 and 6-A from two lanes of travel in both directions to three lanes of travel in both directions. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

LD 747 **Resolve, to Name a Portion of Route 26 from Newry to Upton** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CAMERON FERGUSON		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 747 proposed to designate a portion of Route 26 from Newry to Upton as the Bernard Powers Highway.

LD 750 **An Act to Allow Law Enforcement Agencies to Use Red Flashing Lights on Their Vehicles** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCALEVEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 750 proposed to allow law enforcement vehicles to be equipped with red emergency lights.

LD 757 **An Act to Create Graduated Licenses** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JOYNER BENNETT		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 757 proposes to establish graduated driver's licenses. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

LD 772 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Develop Guidelines for Municipal Public Works Departments** **ONTP**

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

LD 772 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to develop guidelines and provide training on repair and reconstruction of roads for use by municipal public works departments.

LD 774 **An Act to Allow Flexible Toll Pricing on the Maine Turnpike** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHARTRAND TREAT	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 774 proposed to provide the Maine Turnpike Authority with greater flexibility in setting its toll rates, including commuter toll rates, in order to develop demand management, air quality promotion and other strategies envisioned in the Sensible Transportation Policy Act.

LD 813 **An Act to Define the Projects That Public Works Departments May Undertake Without Procuring the Services of a Registered Professional Engineer** **PUBLIC 304**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MILLS	OTP-AM	S-214

Current law provides that public works departments may engage in construction without using a registered professional engineer as long as the contemplated cost for the project does not exceed \$5,000. LD 813 proposed to change the law to permit public works departments, without using a registered professional engineer, to engage in maintenance, construction and repair of roads and sidewalks and other routine construction whose costs do not exceed a value of 100 times the State's average weekly wage.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-214) proposed to replace the bill. Current law provides that state or local public works departments may undertake public works projects without engaging the services of a registered professional engineer as long as the contemplated cost for the project does not exceed \$5,000. The amendment proposed to change the law to permit public works departments to undertake projects without engaging the services of a registered professional engineer, provided the contemplated cost for the project does not exceed \$100,000 and the work does not create an undue risk to public safety or welfare, or a State agency does not require the services of a registered professional engineer to meet any provision of law or rule.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 304 permits public works departments to undertake projects without engaging the services of a registered professional engineer, provided the contemplated cost for the project does not exceed

\$100,000 and the work does not create an undue risk to public safety or welfare, or a State agency does not require the services of a registered professional engineer to meet any provision of law or rule.

LD 838 **An Act to Permit Towns the Option of Winter Maintenance for Roads That are Turned Over to the Town for That Purpose** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FOSTER		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 838 proposed to require the Department of Transportation, upon payment by a municipality of \$600, to perform snow maintenance work on a mile of state highway for which such maintenance has been transferred to the municipality because of population factors.

LD 848 **An Act to Establish a One-year Moratorium on the Municipal Adoption and Enforcement of Certain Traffic Ordinances** **PUBLIC 392 EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JONES SL MURRAY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-516
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LD 848 proposed to return 2% of all fines collected for motor vehicle moving violations to the law enforcement agency charging the person with the moving violation. It also proposed that the money will be used only for technical purposes such as the purchase of computer equipment.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-516) proposed to replace the bill, change the title of the bill and make the bill an emergency.

The amendment proposed to enact a one-year moratorium on municipal adoption and enforcement of ordinances that conflict with speed or other traffic control limits imposed by the Department of Transportation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A. The bill also proposed to authorize the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation to report out legislation on this issue to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 392 enacts a one-year moratorium on municipal adoption and enforcement of ordinances that conflict with speed or other traffic control limits imposed by the Department of Transportation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A. The law also authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation to report out legislation on this issue to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature. This law takes effect June 2, 1997.

LD 849

An Act to Require Reflectors on Snow Plows

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
SKOGLUND

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 849 proposed to require that snowplows engaged in plowing state or town roads have reflectors on the plow wing that faces oncoming traffic.

LD 868

An Act Regarding the Form of Motorcycle License Plates

PUBLIC 287

Sponsor(s)
PENDLETON P
PINKHAM R

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-180

LD 868 proposed to require motorcycle registration plates to bear the words "Support safety and education."

Committee Amendment "A" (S-180) proposed to require motorcycle plates issued after January 1, 1998 to bear the words "Ride Safe." It proposed to exempt antique and state motorcycle registration plates from this requirement. The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 287 requires motorcycle plates issued after January 1, 1998 to bear the words "Ride Safe." It also exempts antique and state motorcycle registration plates from this requirement.

LD 903

An Act to Maintain the Department of Transportation's Current Policy on Reimbursement of Consultant Costs

PUBLIC 52

Sponsor(s)
CLUKEY

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-13

LD 903 proposed to allow the Department of Transportation to continue its current practice of establishing guidelines to promote engineering and design quality and to ensure maximum competition by firms providing consultant services. This bill was in response to Section 307 of the 1995 National Highway System Designation Act that requires Maine to enact legislation in order to continue Maine's current policies and practices.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-13) proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 52 allows the Department of Transportation to continue its current practice of establishing guidelines to promote engineering and design quality and to ensure maximum competition by firms providing consultant services. This law is in response to Section 307 of the 1995 National Highway System Designation Act that requires Maine to enact legislation in order to continue Maine's current policies and practices.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FISHER		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-198
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LD 914 proposed the following penalties for the failure to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle.

1. It proposed that the failure to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle be a Class E crime punishable by a \$250 minimum fine for the first offense and a mandatory 30-day suspension of a driver's license for a second offense occurring within three years of the first offense.
2. It proposed that a person who is a registered owner of a vehicle at the time that vehicle fails to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle commits a traffic infraction.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-198) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to make failing to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle engaged in an emergency response a Class E crime. It also proposed that the operator of an emergency vehicle that is engaged in an emergency response may report the license plate number of a vehicle that fails to yield the right-of-way to that emergency vehicle. The registered owner of that vehicle would be considered to have committed a traffic infraction unless the registered owner provides one of four defenses:

1. A person other than the owner is convicted of failing to yield the right-of-way;
2. The registered owner is a lessor of vehicles and a lessee was driving the vehicle;
3. The vehicle is operated using a dealer or transporter registration plate and at the time of the violation the vehicle was operated by any person other than the dealer of transporter; or
4. A report that the vehicle was stolen is given to a law enforcement officer or agency before the violation occurs or within a reasonable time after the violation occurs and an investigation determines the vehicle was stolen.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 162 makes failing to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle engaged in an emergency response a Class E crime. It also provides that the operator of an emergency vehicle that is engaged in an emergency response may report the license plate number of a vehicle that fails to yield the right-of-way to that emergency vehicle. The registered owner of that vehicle is considered to have committed a traffic infraction unless the registered owner provides one of four defenses:

1. A person other than the owner is convicted of failing to yield the right-of-way;
2. The registered owner is a lessor of vehicles and a lessee was driving the vehicle;
3. The vehicle is operated using a dealer or transporter registration plate and at the time of the violation the vehicle was operated by any person other than the dealer of transporter; or

4. A report that the vehicle was stolen is given to a law enforcement officer or agency before the violation occurs or within a reasonable time after the violation occurs and an investigation determines the vehicle was stolen.

LD 927 **An Act to Eliminate the Requirement for a Motor Vehicle Title upon Registration if the Motor Vehicle Is More than 10 Years Old** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WRIGHT		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 927 proposed to allow a vehicle more than 10 years old to be registered without a title.

LD 931 **An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Medical History Questions on an Application for a Driver's License** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> POULIN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 931 proposed to require an applicant for a driver's license to answer a question on the application as to whether the applicant has ever suffered a cerebrovascular accident, commonly referred to as a stroke.

LD 934 **An Act to Add One Cent to the Gasoline Tax to Expand the Maine State Ferry Service between Frenchboro and Bass Harbor and Provide Municipalities with Road Maintenance Revenue** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> VOLENIK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 934 proposed to provide a 1¢ increase in the gasoline tax to be used as follows: 5% would have been used to purchase and operate a Maine State Ferry Service boat to service Frenchboro and provide a minimum of two daily round-trip ferry runs to Frenchboro with that boat; 5% would have been used by the Maine State Ferry Service for operating expenses in excess of expenses paid for by passenger revenues; and 90% would have been distributed to municipalities for the purpose of road maintenance.

LD 954 **An Act to Establish a Passamaquoddy License Plate** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MOORE		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 954 proposed to authorize the issuance of a special registration plate for members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

LD 963

An Act to Establish the Loon Plate as the Official State License Plate and Establish the Committee to Develop a Decal System for License Plates

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LEMKE		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 963 proposed to make the loon design currently on the environmental registration plates the design for general issue plates. It also proposed to provide for an optional plate of plain design to be issued upon request. It also proposed to establish the Committee to Develop a Decal System for License Plates to accommodate the demand for specialty plates.

LD 984

Resolve, to Name the New Bridge over the Fore River in Portland

RESOLVE 7

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAXL M RAND		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 984 proposed to require that the recently constructed bridge over the Fore River in Portland be known as the Casco Bay Bridge.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 7 requires that the recently constructed bridge over the Fore River in Portland be known as the Casco Bay Bridge.

LD 1001

An Act to Encourage Organ Donation by Making Information Available through the Secretary of State

PUBLIC 233

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LEMAIRE RAND		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-260
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LD 1001 proposed to establish a registry to voluntarily list holders of Maine driver's licenses who formally declare their choice to make an anatomical gift upon death. The bill also proposed to require the Secretary of State to provide licensees at the time of initial application or renewal with the information necessary to formally declare a person's choice to make an anatomical gift upon death. The bill also proposed to require the Secretary of State to make available to license holders information regarding organ and tissue donation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-260) proposed to replace the bill and change its title. It proposed to require the Secretary of State to make information on organ and tissue donation available to license applicants and holders and in offices of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It also proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 233 requires the Secretary of State to make information on organ and tissue donation available to license applicants and holders and in offices of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

LD 1008 **An Act to Make Allocation for Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1998** **P & S 28**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-261
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LD 1008 proposed to make allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1998 in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-261) proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 28 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1998 in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

LD 1013 **An Act to Implement Electronic Monitoring for Compliance with the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Laws by 1999 and Make Other Changes in Those Laws** **PUBLIC 165**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MILLS		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-110
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LD 1013 proposed the following.

1. It proposed to require the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to implement an electronic filing system for providing proof of liability insurance or financial responsibility, as required by the motor vehicle financial responsibility laws, by January 1, 1999.
2. It proposed to require that a person convicted of one or more violations of the requirement to maintain motor vehicle financial responsibility within a three-year period must provide proof of financial responsibility. Current law imposes this requirement after conviction of two or more violations of the requirement to maintain motor vehicle financial responsibility.
3. It proposed to raise the fee for reinstatement of a suspended driver's license or other permit or privilege to operate a motor vehicle from \$25 to \$35 and makes this increase effective October 1, 1997.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-110) proposed to replace the bill and require any person who violates the vehicle liability insurance and financial responsibility laws to provide the Secretary of State proof of financial responsibility. It also proposed a system for the electronic filing of vehicle insurance for people who violate the vehicle insurance laws. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 165 requires any person who violates the vehicle liability insurance and financial responsibility laws to provide the Secretary of State proof of financial responsibility. It also requires the Secretary of State to develop a system for the electronic filing of vehicle insurance for people who violate the vehicle insurance laws.

LD 1038 **An Act to Require That a Person under 16 Years of Age Wear Protective Headgear when Riding a Bicycle** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRENNAN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1038 proposed to authorize the State to promote the health and safety of a person under 16 years of age who is operating a bicycle or is a passenger on a bicycle by requiring that person to wear a bicycle helmet.

LD 1039 **An Act Relating to the Use of Railbeds as Recreational Trails** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MACK	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1039 proposed to require persons to obtain approval by law for the use of active or inactive railbeds as recreational trails. It also proposed to require the person to ensure that certain standards are met in the formation and maintenance of the trails.

LD 1079 **An Act to Create the Cobscook Bay Transit District** **P & S 19**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GOODWIN	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-197
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LD 1079 proposed to establish a transit district in Cobscook Bay for the purpose of providing ferry service between Eastport and Lubec. It proposed to create an elected nine-member board of directors for the district, with four members from Eastport, four from Lubec and one member from Trescott Township, Whiting, Edmunds Township, Dennysville, Pembroke, Perry or Pleasant Point.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-197) proposed to strike from the bill all provisions exempting the Cobscook Bay Transit District from taxes. It also proposed to strike the requirement that rates charged by the district be subject to regulation by the Public Utilities Commission.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 19 establishes a transit district in Cobscook Bay for the purpose of providing ferry service between Eastport and Lubec. It creates an elected nine-member board of directors for the district, with four members from Eastport, four from Lubec and one member from Trescott Township, Whiting, Edmunds Township, Dennysville, Pembroke, Perry or Pleasant Point.

LD 1084 An Act to Allow After-market Window Tinting of Multi-purpose Vehicles PUBLIC 129

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LOVETT AMERO	OTP	

LD 1084 proposed to amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1916 governing reflective and tinted glass to add a multi-purpose vehicle to the list of vehicles to which the provisions of subsection 1, paragraphs C and D do not apply. It also proposed to define a multi-purpose vehicle.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 129 amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1916 governing reflective and tinted glass to add a multi-purpose vehicle to the list of vehicles to which the provisions of subsection 1, paragraphs C and D do not apply. It also defines a multi-purpose vehicle.

LD 1086 An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Motor Vehicle License Plates for Legislators ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACK AMERO	ONTP	

LD 1086 proposed to require state officials entitled to a specially designed motor vehicle number plate to pay \$13 for the plate. They could have obtained a second set of plates for \$16.50.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CLUKEY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-230
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LD 1097 proposed to prohibit a person from producing fictitious or fraudulently altered documents or a document that is not actually in effect, although it purports to be, when asked by a law enforcement officer to provide proof of automobile liability insurance.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-230) proposed to replace the bill and prohibit a person from producing evidence of vehicle liability insurance or financial responsibility that is not in effect. It also proposed to designate as a Class E crime the producing of fictitious or fraudulently altered evidence of vehicle liability insurance or financial responsibility. The amendment also proposed to require the submission of an original motor vehicle accident report to the Chief of the State Police by an investigating agency.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 178 prohibits a person from producing evidence of vehicle liability insurance or financial responsibility that is not in effect. It also designates as a Class E crime the producing of fictitious or fraudulently altered evidence of vehicle liability insurance or financial responsibility. The law also requires the submission of an original motor vehicle accident report to the Chief of the State Police by an investigating agency.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAVAGE	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1123 proposed to allow a driver to make a left turn after stopping at a red light if both roads at an intersection are one-way streets.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PLOWMAN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1125 proposed to prohibit the Secretary of State from issuing an instruction permit for a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or moped to a person who has failed a motor vehicle driving test.

LD 1143

Resolve, to Name the New Topsham-Brunswick Bridge across the Androscoggin

RESOLVE 39

Sponsor(s)
TRIPP

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-423

LD 1143 proposed to name the new bridge built crossing the Androscoggin River between Topsham and Brunswick in honor of George J. Mitchell.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-423) proposed to replace the resolve. It proposed to name the new bridge spanning the Androscoggin River between the Town of Topsham and the Town of Brunswick the "Merrymeeting Bridge." It also proposed to direct that a plaque, designed and created by the towns of Topsham and Brunswick, be erected by the Department of Transportation near the bridge.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 39 names the new bridge spanning the Androscoggin River between the Town of Topsham and the Town of Brunswick the "Merrymeeting Bridge" and it directs that a plaque, designed and created by the towns of Topsham and Brunswick, be erected by the Department of Transportation near the bridge.

LD 1145

An Act to Amend the Maine Turnpike Authority Laws to Eliminate Conflicts of Interest

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
TUTTLE
NUTTING

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1145 proposed to prohibit a person from serving as a member of the Maine Turnpike Authority if that person or that person's family possesses or acquires an interest in any contract or proposed contract of the authority.

LD 1182

An Act to Amend Coded Licenses

PUBLIC 318

Sponsor(s)
CAMERON

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-262

In the Second Regular Session of the 117th Legislature, the Legislature increased from six to 10 the number of years that a driver's license issued to a person who is convicted of operating under the influence must be coded. LD 1182 proposed to specify that the increase in the number of years that a license must be coded applies only to persons convicted on or after July 1, 1996, which was the effective date of the change in the law. The license of a person convicted prior to July 1, 1996 would need to be coded for six years. This bill would have applied retroactively to July 1, 1996.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-262) proposed to replace the bill and authorize the Secretary of State to remove the coded notation from a first-time OUI offender's license after six years, provided that the person has maintained a clean driving record.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 539 authorizes the Secretary of State to remove the coded notation from a first-time OUI offender's license after six years, provided that the person has maintained a clean driving record.

LD 1227 An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Improve PUBLIC 539
the Conditions of Any Road That May be Turned Over to a EMERGENCY
Municipality

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HARRIMAN BULL	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-318
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LD 1227 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to develop guidelines for determining whether a section of road is in good repair according to generally accepted engineering standards and require that a section of road be in good repair at the time of transfer to a municipality for future maintenance. It also proposed to require the department to provide a maintenance plan for the section of road being transferred. A municipality's maintenance responsibility within a compact area would be limited to state aid highways. The department could not transfer responsibility for sections of roads classified as regional highways, which are those state and state aid highways located within town boundaries upon which at least 50% of the traffic traversing the town boundaries. The bill also proposed a retroactive effective date of January 1, 1997 so that any regional highways transferred after that date are unauthorized.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-318) proposed to replace the bill and require the Department of Transportation to ensure that sections of state highways and state aid highways are in good repair before transferring maintenance responsibility for those sections to municipalities when municipalities are required to maintain the sections because of population growth. This provision would apply to sections of state or state aid highways scheduled to be transferred to municipalities on January 1, 1997 or later because of population growth.

The amendment also proposed to add a fiscal note.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 539 requires the Department of Transportation to ensure that sections of state highways and state aid highways are in good repair before transferring maintenance responsibility for those sections to municipalities when municipalities are required to maintain the sections because of population growth. This provision applies to sections of state or state aid highways scheduled to be transferred to municipalities on January 1, 1997 or later because of population growth. This law is effective June 12, 1997.

LD 1280 **Resolve, to Provide Funds to Municipalities for Road Upkeep Based on Need** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BUNKER		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1280 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to establish guidelines to take a municipality's evaluation and ability to pay into consideration for the formula used in the disbursement of funds for maintenance of local roads.

LD 1298 **An Act Regarding Restrictions Placed on Certain Motor Vehicles That Travel on a Public Way** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PENDLETON P		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1298 proposed to increase the minimum fine for violating weight or passage restrictions on ways requiring special protection to \$1,000 if death or injury arises out of that violation.

The bill also proposed requiring that loads of gravel, sand and other loose products of debris be confined to prevent falling or spillage rather than being covered or otherwise secured.

LD 1307 **Resolve, to Name the New Connector of Route 196 and Route 1 in Topsham** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRIPP		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1307 proposed requiring that the recently constructed connector road between Route 196 and Route 1 in Topsham be known by the name selected by the committees formed to name that road.

LD 1319 **An Act to Equalize Tolls on the Maine Turnpike** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> GOODWIN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1319 proposed to equalize tolls by repealing provisions that allow the Maine Turnpike Authority to authorize commuter discounts and variable surcharges.

LD 1320 **Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Create a Weighing Point on Route 202 between Alfred and Lebanon** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TUTTLE		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1320 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to establish a weighing point on Route 202 between the Town of Alfred and the Town of Lebanon.

LD 1331 **An Act Regarding Show Lights on Motor Vehicles** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PARADIS BELANGER D		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1331 proposed to allow a motor vehicle to be equipped with a fluorescent light on its undercarriage that emits a purple light.

LD 1332 **An Act to Permit the Sale of Used License Plates** **PUBLIC 520**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PARADIS BELANGER D		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-268
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LD 1332 proposed to allow a person to retain motor vehicle registration plates that are no longer valid if that person obtained from the Secretary of State stickers that the person must place on the registration plates indicating that the plates are no longer valid. Plates with these stickers affixed would be the property of the owner and not the property of the State. Plates with these stickers affixed could be sold or otherwise transferred by the owner.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-268) was the majority report of the committee and proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to make a discontinued general issue license plate the property of the person to whom the plate was issued. Under current law, all license plates are the property of the State. It also proposed to add a fiscal note.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 520 makes a discontinued general issue license plate the property of the person to whom the plate was issued.

LD 1333

Resolve, Regarding the Posting of Certain Roads by the Department of Transportation DIED BETWEEN BODIES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PARADIS DONNELLY	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1333 proposed to require that the Department of Transportation reconstruct or repair portions of Route 11 in Aroostook County such that that roadway is of a condition adequate to reasonably ensure that the road will not be "posted" seasonally or otherwise restricted due to concerns of safety or roadway damage.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-220) was the minority report. It proposed to change from December 31, 1997 to December 31, 2002 the date by which the Department of Transportation must reconstruct or repair portions of Route 11 between the towns of Sherman and Ashland.

LD 1339

An Act Relating to Municipal Excise Tax Reimbursement

**PUBLIC 505
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'GARA	OTP-AM	S-331

LD 1339 proposed to correct an oversight in Public Law 1995, chapter 440 by establishing an escrow fund within the Highway Fund to reimburse municipalities for the difference between excise tax based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price and the actual purchase price for heavy trucks.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-331) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to correct an oversight in Public Law 1995, chapter 440 by establishing a fund to reimburse municipalities for the difference between excise tax based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price and the actual purchase price for heavy trucks. It also proposed to add a fiscal note.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 505 corrects an oversight in Public Law 1995, chapter 440 by establishing a fund to reimburse municipalities for the difference between excise tax based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price and the actual purchase price for heavy trucks. This law is effective June 12, 1997.

LD 1346

An Act to Prohibit the Department of Transportation from Spraying Herbicides Along Highways

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
PERKINS

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1346 proposed to prevent the Department of Transportation from spraying herbicides along highways.

LD 1347

An Act Regarding Residency and Motor Vehicle Registration

PUBLIC 252

Sponsor(s)
TRUE

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-335

LD 1347 proposed to render a registration from another state that lists only a post office box as an address invalid for the purpose of fulfilling the registration requirement in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 351. It also proposed to amend Title 29-A, section 514 concerning evasion of registration fees and excise taxes to require that a vehicle that is principally garaged in this State be registered in this State.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-335) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to state that in determining whether a person has evaded motor vehicle registration fees or excise taxes, the Secretary of State may determine whether any minor child of a person required to register a motor vehicle in the State is enrolled in any public school within the State or whether a person required to register a motor vehicle in this State has declared Maine residency on any form, document or application.

Enacted law summary
Public Law 1997, chapter 252 states that in determining whether a person has evaded motor vehicle registration fees or excise taxes, the Secretary of State may determine whether any minor child of a person required to register a motor vehicle in the State is enrolled in any public school within the State or whether a person required to register a motor vehicle in this State has declared Maine residency on any form, document or application.

LD 1352

An Act to Allow Municipalities to Enact Ordinances Restricting Bicycle Tour Groups on State Roads

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
PERKINS

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1352 proposed to allow municipalities to enact ordinances restricting bicycle tour groups on a public way.

LD 1367

An Act to Amend the Bicycle Provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A in Order to Provide a Greater Measure of Safety for Travel by Bicyclists

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CHARTRAND O'GARA	ONTP	

LD 1367 proposed to resolve inconsistencies in existing law among provisions affecting bicyclists, bring all bicycle safety provisions to highest standards and best practice and simplify provisions for bicyclists by including bicyclists and bicycles under existing vehicle provisions.

LD 1377

Resolve, to Establish a Maine Mobility Fund Task Force

**RESOLVE 73
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
O'GARA DRISCOLL	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-493 DRISCOLL S-206 S-420 MICHAUD

LD 1377 proposed to establish the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Creating a Maine Mobility Fund.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-206) proposed to add to the emergency preamble a statement that all revenues that currently accrue to the Highway Fund are needed for those transportation expenditures and activities currently authorized by the Legislature. It also proposed to strike from the emergency preamble a reference to the per capita expenditures on public transportation. It also proposed to prohibit the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Creating a Maine Mobility Fund from being allocated money from the Highway Fund. It also proposed to add to the task force one member selected by the Maine Motor Transport Association. It also proposed to require the task force report be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by January 15, 1998. In addition, it proposed that any extension of the task force reporting deadline be approved by the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The amendment also proposed to add an allocation section and a fiscal note.

House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-493) proposed to give members of the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Creating a Maine Mobility Fund per diem and expenses. It also proposed to add an appropriation section to the amendment.

Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-420) proposed to change the reporting date of the task force to January 1, 1998, specify the number of meetings and revise the appropriations section.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 73 establishes the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Creating a Maine Mobility Fund. The Task Force must study alternative sources of revenue to fund public transportation. It must report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by January 1, 1998. This law is effective June 12, 1997.

LD 1382 **An Act to Reimburse Law Enforcement Agencies for Their Costs
Related to the Prosecution of Criminal and Traffic Violations** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CLEVELAND		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1382 proposed to reimburse law enforcement agencies for the cost of sending off-duty officers to testify in court. The bill also proposed to increase the compensation for the designated court officer from \$10 to \$20 per day.

LD 1401 **An Act to Impose Penalties on Adult Passengers in Motor Vehicles
Who Fail to Use Seat Belts** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> USHER		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1401 proposed that if a passenger 19 years of age or older does not wear a seat belt, both the driver and the passenger commit a traffic infraction.

LD 1418 **An Act to Allow Certain Overweight Trucks to Proceed without
Being Off-loaded** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MICHAUD		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1418 proposed to allow a state police officer to issue a permit to an overweight motor vehicle to continue to its destination without off-loading if the officer determines that the excess weight does not constitute a public hazard.

LD 1422 **An Act to Abolish the Maine Turnpike Authority** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RUHLIN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1422 proposed to abolish the Maine Turnpike Authority in two years and transfer duties and operation of the turnpike to the Department of Transportation. The department would have been required to submit a plan by January 1, 1998 that would accomplish the transfer by January 1, 1999.

LD 1441

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Commercial Driver Education Instructors

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
BRAGDON

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1441 proposed to prohibit an instructor in a commercial driving school from teaching driver education to a public school student if the instructor also teaches the student in any class at the public school and either utilizes the public school for teaching a driver education course without paying the standard fee applicable to use of the school's facilities or utilizes motor vehicles for driver education that are registered by the public school or the school administrative unit under which the public school is administered.

LD 1444

Resolve, to Designate an East-West Highway and Install Signs on that Highway

RESOLVE 46

Sponsor(s)
MERES

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-581

LD 1444 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to designate an East-West Highway in Maine, install signs indicating this highway and notify map makers of this action.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-581) proposed to strike language from the bill requiring signage designating a northeast corridor to an east-west highway.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 46 directs the Department of Transportation to designate an East-West Highway in Maine, install signs indicating this highway and notify map makers of this action.

LD 1451

An Act to Encourage the Planning and Implementation of Municipal Ordinances Concerning Bicyclists and Pedestrians

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
GIERINGER
CLEVELAND

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1451 proposed to amend certain provisions in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A concerning pedestrians and bicycles to provide that:

1. Motor vehicle operators yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian on a public way at an intersection or a pedestrian crossing within a crosswalk;
2. Pedestrians use a crosswalk if it is located within 100 feet of the location at which the pedestrian is crossing;

3. A bicyclist wear on the back of the torso fluorescent reflector strips at all times when motor vehicles are required to display headlights; and
4. A municipality may permit bicycles on a public way.

The bill also proposed to require the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules that require a commercial or retail mall developer to provide clearly visible pedestrian access in all areas where vehicles are present and to provide bicycle access facilities. The bill also proposed to require the Department of Transportation to design and implement, by rule, a grant program to award funds to a municipality that has adopted a pedestrian and bicycle access facilities plan consistent with state laws. These plans would have included, at a minimum, adequate infrastructure and facilities for safe and efficient bicycle and pedestrian access, a requirement that local site review ordinances include bicycle and pedestrian access review for new developments and clearly marked crossings for pedestrian access. The bill proposed to require the Secretary of State to create the Civil Traffic Violation Fund for fines collected for violation of civil traffic infractions enforced by local or municipal officials.

LD 1461 **Resolve, Requiring the Department of Transportation to Investigate Increasing the Speed Limit on Certain Portions of the Interstate Highway System in Portland and Bangor** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CAMERON	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1461 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to study increasing the interstate highway speed limits around Portland and Bangor and report its study results to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature by January 1, 1998.

LD 1466 **An Act to Provide Flexibility and Costs-savings in Department of Transportation Property Acquisition Procedures** **PUBLIC 272**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DRISCOLL	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-362
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LD 1466 proposed to enable the Department of Transportation to use alternative eminent domain valuation procedures, rather than appraisals, in cases in which the estimated value of an acquisition is less than \$5,000. In unsettled cases or when owners request, such low-value acquisitions still would be appraised. It proposed to eliminate the requirement that the Department of Transportation publish the entire notice of layout and taking for each condemnation. This would allow the department to eliminate publication of the lengthy metes and bounds description of each property interest. The department would continue to publish a list of affected owners and the type and extent of the interests acquired, along with a map of the location of the taking.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-362) adds a fiscal note to the bill

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 272 enables the Department of Transportation to use alternative eminent domain valuation procedures, rather than appraisals, in cases in which the estimated value of the acquisition is less than \$5,000. In unsettled cases or when owners request, such low-value acquisitions still would be appraised. The law

eliminates the requirement that the Department of Transportation publish the entire notice of layout and taking for each condemnation. This permits the department to eliminate publication of the lengthy metes and bounds description of each property interest. The department will continue to publish a list of affected owners and the type and extent of the interests acquired, along with a map of the location of the taking.

LD 1475

An Act to Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws

PUBLIC 437

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> O'GARA CASSIDY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-319
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LD 1475 proposed to do the following.

1. Repeal the statutory provisions relating to state identification cards.
2. Allow for the issuance of vanity plates on trucks that are registered up to 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight. It also proposed to repeal the language that requires a registrant to have the identical vanity plate prior to applying for a trailer vanity plate.
3. Allow the Secretary of State the ability to expand the environmental plate program.
4. Clarify the requirement for foreign long-term trailer registrants to have an agent.
5. Establish a separate account within the Highway Fund to reimburse municipalities for the difference between excise taxes based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price and the actual purchase price for heavy trucks.
6. Exempt mobile home dealers from the licensing requirement if they do not wish to hold trailer dealer plates. If a mobile home dealer wishes to hold trailer dealer plates, all requirements would need to be met before the license is issued.
7. Increase the record of sale retention time from three years to five years, which mirrors the requirements for other dealers and also meets the standards of the Federal Truth in Mileage Act of 1986.
8. Make clear which dealers are exempt from the salvage license fee.
9. Adopt an exemption provided in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 383.3(d)(3)(i), which authorizes states to waive the requirements for a commercial driver's license for back-up snow removal drivers employed by eligible units of local government. The vehicle would need to be operated within the boundaries of a city, town, county, district or other unit of local government created pursuant to law that has a total population of 3,000 or less. In addition, the vehicle would need to be operated by an employee of that local government for the purpose of removing snow or ice from a roadway by plowing, sanding or salting. The exemption would apply only when the employee who ordinarily operates the vehicle is unavailable or in need of additional assistance due to snow emergency. This bill would not affect the requirement that the customary operator of the vehicle have a commercial driver's license, nor would it affect other laws and rules concerning the safe operation of commercial vehicles.
10. Allow the State to comply with the anticipated federal enactment of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. This Act requires, at a minimum, every applicant for a driver's license

or other comparable identification document to submit the applicant's social security number and for the State to verify with the federal Social Security Administration that such number is valid.

11. Remove semitrailers from the endorsement fee. A special endorsement is not required for a semitrailer.
12. Require a full-face digital image or a photographic image of the licensee to be displayed on a driver's license.
13. Clarify that a \$3 fee is charged for a photographic or digitized driver's license.
14. Give authority to the Secretary of State to capture, store, retrieve, reproduce and distribute the digital image and digital signature of the licensee.
15. Authorize the Secretary of State to utilize codes on a license instead of a decal for organ donations.
16. Clarify that an additional fee of \$3 is required for a photograph or digital image of the licensee.
17. Clarify that when any change is made on photograph or digitized driver's license, that license, when issued, is considered a duplicate.
18. Make it clear that a veteran must be permanently, 100% disabled to obtain a driver's license without paying a fee.
19. Enact a law stating that the Secretary of State is responsible for the issuance of nondriver identification cards. In addition this bill would give authority to the Secretary of State to capture, store, retrieve, reproduce and distribute the digital image and digital signature of the nondriver identification card applicant. This bill would also establish an expiration date to ensure that an updated picture of the nondriver identification card holder is displayed on the document and requires social security number.
20. Require a person adjudicated of the offense of failing to produce evidence of insurance to file proof of financial responsibility with the Secretary of State. The bill would also increase the minimum amounts of automobile liability insurance coverage.
21. Remove the higher insurance coverage from trailer and mobile home dealers and lower the property damage limits from \$300,000 to \$100,000 for licensed vehicle dealers.
22. Require that the multiple operating-under-the-influence offenders who wish to have their licenses reinstated early under the Ignition Interlock Device Program have automobile liability insurance.
23. Require all International Registration Plan revenues collected in fiscal years 1996-97 and 1997-98 be transferred to a special account.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-319) proposed to make a variety of technical changes to the motor vehicle laws. It proposed to:

1. Allow vanity plates to be issued for trucks registered up to 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and to semitrailers that do not exceed 2,000 pounds;
2. Allow a pickup truck with a semitrailer that has a registered weight of 2,000 pounds or less to be registered as a noncommercial vehicle, provided that the truck and trailer are used for noncommercial purposes;

3. Authorize the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to require all motor carriers to display a United States Department of Transportation census number;
4. Require a vehicle sold by a dealer to be accompanied by a certificate of title or salvage at the time of the vehicle's sale;
5. Clarify that a mobile home dealer is not required to obtain heavy trailer dealer registration plates;
6. Provide licenses for automobile dealers to conduct operations and promotions at locations other than primary facilities;
7. Strike from the bill provisions regarding the dispensation of excise taxes collected under the International Registration Plan;
8. Strike from the bill certain provisions relating to automobile insurance requirements;
9. Clarify that a woods tractor that is exempt from the complete motor vehicle inspection requirements must be used solely for logging purposes;
10. Establish that a person commits a Class E crime if that person knowingly disseminates information that is protected by state laws or rules that implement the Federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994;
11. Require a person who seeks early reinstatement of a driver's license under the ignition interlock statutes to obtain an automobile insurance policy with \$300,000 limits for property damage and the injury or death of a person; and
12. Add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 437 makes a variety of changes to the motor vehicle laws. It:

1. Repeals the statutory provisions relating to state identification cards.
2. Allows for the issuance of vanity plates on trucks that are registered up to 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight. It also repeals the language that requires a registrant to have the identical vanity plate prior to applying for a trailer vanity plate.
3. Allows the Secretary of State the ability to expand the environmental plate program.
4. Clarifies the requirement for foreign long-term trailer registrants to have an agent.
5. Exempts mobile home dealers from the licensing requirement if they do not wish to hold trailer dealer plates. If a mobile home dealer wishes to hold trailer dealer plates, all requirements must be met before the license is issued.
6. Increases the record of sale retention time from three years to five years, which mirrors the requirements for other dealers and also meets the standards of the Federal Truth in Mileage Act of 1986.

7. Makes clear which dealers are exempt from the salvage license fee.
8. Adopts an exemption provided in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 383.3(d)(3)(i), which authorizes states to waive the requirements for a commercial driver's license for back-up snow removal drivers employed by eligible units of local government. The vehicle must be operated within the boundaries of a city, town, county, district or other unit of local government created pursuant to law that has a total population of 3,000 or less. In addition, the vehicle must be operated by an employee of that local government for the purpose of removing snow or ice from a roadway by plowing, sanding or salting. The exemption applies only when the employee who ordinarily operates the vehicle is unavailable or in need of additional assistance due to snow emergency. This bill does not affect the requirement that the customary operator of the vehicle have a commercial driver's license, nor does it affect other laws and rules concerning the safe operation of commercial vehicles.
9. Allows the State to comply with the anticipated federal enactment of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. This Act requires, at a minimum, every applicant for a driver's license or other comparable identification document to submit the applicant's social security number and for the State to verify with the federal Social Security Administration that such number is valid.
10. Removes semitrailers from the endorsement fee. A special endorsement is not required for a semitrailer.
11. Requires a full-face digital image or a photographic image of the licensee to be displayed on a driver's license.
12. Clarifies that a \$3 fee is charged for a photographic or digitized driver's license.
13. Gives authority to the Secretary of State to capture, store, retrieve, reproduce and distribute the digital image and digital signature of the licensee.
14. Authorizes the Secretary of State to utilize codes on a license instead of a decal for organ donations.
15. Clarifies that an additional fee of \$3 is required for a photograph or digital image of the licensee.
16. Clarifies that when any change is made on photograph or digitized driver's license, that license, when issued, is considered a duplicate.
17. Makes it clear that a veteran must be permanently, 100% disabled to obtain a driver's license without paying a fee.
18. Enacts a law stating that the Secretary of State is responsible for the issuance of nondriver identification cards. In addition this bill gives authority to the Secretary of State to capture, store, retrieve, reproduce and distribute the digital image and digital signature of the nondriver identification card applicant. This bill also establishes an expiration date to ensure that an updated picture of the nondriver identification card holder is displayed on the document and requires social security number.
19. Removes the higher coverage from trailer and mobile home dealers and lowers the property damage limits from \$300,000 to \$100,000 for licensed vehicle dealers.
20. Requires that the multiple operating-under-the-influence offenders who wish to have their licenses reinstated early under the Ignition Interlock Device Program have automobile liability insurance. These increased limits would better protect the public in the event a program participant is involved in a motor vehicle accident.

21. Allows vanity plates to be issued for trucks registered up to 9,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and to semitrailers that do not exceed 2,000 pounds.
22. Allows a pickup truck with a semitrailer that has a registered weight of 2,000 pounds or less to be registered as a noncommercial vehicle, provided that the truck and trailer are used for noncommercial purposes.
23. Authorizes the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to require all motor carriers to display a United States Department of Transportation census number.
24. Requires a vehicle sold by a dealer to be accompanied by a certificate of title or salvage at the time of the vehicle's sale.
25. Clarifies that a mobile home dealer is not required to obtain heavy trailer dealer registration plates.
26. Provides licenses for automobile dealers to conduct operations and promotions at locations other than primary facilities.
27. Clarifies that a woods tractor that is exempt from the complete motor vehicle inspection requirements must be used solely for logging purposes.
28. Establishes that a person commits a Class E crime if that person knowingly disseminates information that is protected by state laws or rules that implement the Federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994.
29. Requires a person who seeks early reinstatement of a driver's license under the ignition interlock statutes to obtain an automobile insurance policy with \$300,000 limits for property damage and the injury or death of a person.

LD 1476

An Act Making Unified and Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, Highway Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999

**PUBLIC 25
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)
O'GARA
DRISCOLL

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
S-47

LD 1476 proposed to: Make allocations from the Highway Fund; make allocations from the Highway Fund representing reduction proposals or adjustments; amend the law to provide for the capitalization of the Local Road Assistance Program; make supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund; make supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund; make supplemental allocations from the Other Special Revenue funds; make supplemental allocations from the Island Ferry Services Fund; make allocations from the Highway Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes; and make allocations from the Highway Fund as reductions to support approved reclassifications and range changes.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-47) proposed to clarify that only the Highway Fund allocations in Part A, section 1 are actually allocated. All other funds are provided for informational purposes only.

This amendment proposed to replace Part C of the bill. It proposed to require a report from the Commissioner of Transportation on the administration of the Local Road Assistance Program for fiscal year 1997-98 and fiscal year 1998-99.

This amendment proposed to add the following provisions to the original bill: Provide specific reduction proposals and program transfers for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the Department of Public Safety and the Department of the Secretary of State; provide specific allocations and reduction proposals by the Department of Transportation; provide specific position transfers by the Department of Transportation; make adjusting allocations and deallocations to the Federal Expenditures Fund; make adjusting allocations and deallocations to Other Special Revenue funds; make deallocations from the Motor Transport Service Fund; authorize the transfer of Highway Fund Salary Plan funds for unfunded actuarial liability obligations; authorize a consolidation of Building and Maintenance Accounts and requires the State Budget Officer to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation; provide nonlapsing language to allow personal services funds to carry forward in the Highway Fund Salary Plan; require prison labor to be used to construct a license plate storage facility on state property; increase title and reinstatement fees by \$5; and authorize a transfer from Collector Road Program funds to Highway Fund undedicated revenue.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 25 makes allocations from the Highway Fund; makes allocations from the Highway Fund representing reduction proposals or adjustments; requires a report from the Commissioner of Transportation on the administration of the Local Road Assistance Program for fiscal year 1997-98 and fiscal year 1998-99; makes supplemental allocations from the Highway Fund; makes supplemental allocations from the Federal Expenditures Fund; makes supplemental allocations from the Other Special Revenue funds; makes supplemental allocations from the Island Ferry Services Fund; makes allocations from the Highway Fund for approved reclassifications and range changes; makes allocations from the Highway Fund as reductions to support approved reclassifications and range changes; provides specific reduction proposals and program transfers for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the Department of Public Safety and the Department of the Secretary of State; provides specific allocations and reduction proposals by the Department of Transportation; provides specific position transfers by the Department of Transportation; makes adjusting allocations and deallocations to the Federal Expenditures Fund; makes adjusting allocations and deallocations to Other Special Revenue funds; makes deallocations from the Motor Transport Service Fund; authorizes the transfer of Highway Fund Salary Plan funds for unfunded actuarial liability obligations; authorizes a consolidation of Building and Maintenance Accounts and requires the State Budget Officer to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation; provides nonlapsing language to allow personal services funds to carry forward in the Highway Fund Salary Plan; requires prison labor to be used to construct a license plate storage facility on state property; increases title and reinstatement fees by \$5; and authorizes a transfer from Collector Road Program funds to Highway Fund undedicated revenue. This law takes effect July 1, 1997.

LD 1480

An Act to Decriminalize Various Traffic Violations and Enhance Collectibility of Associated Penalties

ONTP

Sponsor(s)
MILLS

Committee Report
ONTP

Amendments Adopted

LD 1480 proposed to convert several motor vehicle violations that are currently crimes into traffic violations. It also proposed to clarify certain civil provisions concerning contesting a traffic infraction. Several maximum fines would have been adjusted to accommodate surcharges. The amount of time a parent has to show the court that a child safety seat has been acquired would have been reduced from 30 days to 20 days. The requirement that a fine be imposed for a separate violation in order for a fine to be imposed for violations of the seat belt law would have been repealed.

LD 1485 Resolve, to Require the Department of Transportation to Study the ONTP
Use of Culverts

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

LD 1485 proposed to require the Commissioner of Transportation to study the use of a culvert in the Town of Troy to determine a more efficient manner of controlling rainwater runoff.

LD 1504 An Act to Amend the Notification Requirements for Insurance ONTP
Companies and Towing Companies

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

LD 1504 proposed to require towing companies to inform owners of a motor vehicle of all the towing and storage charges that are associated with towing the vehicle before the vehicle is towed. The bill also proposed to require the insurer of an insured motor vehicle that is involved in an accident to keep the owner and the driver of the motor vehicle apprised of any actions or communications related to the accident.

LD 1505 An Act to Preserve the Privacy of Commuters ONTP

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

LD 1505 proposed to prohibit the use of information collected through an electronic toll collection system on the Maine Turnpike to track a person's movement. It also proposed to place limitations on the information that may be recorded on a person's electronic toll system account.

LD 1507 An Act to Change the Fine for Speeding in a School Zone ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
ROWE RAND	ONTP	

LD 1507 proposed to create a fine for speeding in a school zone that is double the fine for speeding outside of a school zone.

LD 1534 **An Act to Increase the Speed Limit and Amend the Penalty Point System** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACK	ONTP MAJ	
JENKINS	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1534 proposed to establish speed limits for different portions of the Maine Turnpike and the Interstate Highway System. The bill also proposed to direct the Secretary of State to modify the demerit point system for assessing points for speeding violations.

LD 1586 **An Act Regarding Reimbursement for Sand and Salt Storage Facility Construction** **PUBLIC 551**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PIEH	OTP-AM	H-658
KILKELLY		

LD 1586 requires the Department of Transportation to make available funds for all constructed salt and sand storage projects built prior to June 30, 1997.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-658) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed to expand the number of lower priority salt and sand storage facilities that may receive state reimbursement dollars initially targeted for higher priority facilities when those higher priority facilities fail to meet certain criteria necessary to obtain reimbursement funds.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 551 expands the number of lower priority salt and sand storage facilities that may receive state reimbursement dollars initially targeted for higher priority facilities when those higher priority facilities fail to meet certain criteria necessary to obtain reimbursement funds.

LD 1594 **An Act to Transfer State Ownership of Certain Railroad Rights-of-way, Create the Calais to Eastport Rail Authority and Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$4,500,000 to Fund Establishment of Freight Rail Service between Calais and Eastport** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GOODWIN		

LD 1594 proposes to create the Calais to Eastport Rail Authority to establish freight rail service between Calais and Eastport. The bill transfers to the authority the Department of Transportation's interest in the existing rail line between Calais and Ayers Junction. It also transfers the Department of Transportation's interest in the existing rail line between Ayers Junction and the Hancock County line to those municipalities through which the line runs. The bill also proposes a \$4,500,000 million bond issue for use by the authority in establishing freight rail service between Calais and Eastport. The bill was carried over to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

LD 1607 Resolve, to Name the New Bangor-Brewer Replacement Bridge RESOLVE 22

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CAMPBELL MURRAY	OTP	

LD 1607 proposed to name the new Bangor-Brewer replacement bridge the Penobscot Bridge, followed by that name in parenthesis in the official language of the Penobscot Nation.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 22 names the new Bangor-Brewer replacement bridge the Penobscot Bridge, followed by that name in parenthesis in the official language of the Penobscot Nation.

LD 1617 An Act to Amend the Sensible Transportation Policy Act ONTP

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

LD 1617 proposed to amend the Sensible Transportation Policy Act so that transportation planning, capital investment and project decisions require, for all significant highway construction or reconstruction projects, an evaluation of highway, bridge, air, water and rail transportation alternatives only, rather than an evaluation of all kinds of reasonable transportation alternatives. The bill also proposed to repeal the provision that requires transportation planning decisions, capital investment decisions and project decisions to reduce the State's reliance on foreign oil and promote reliance on energy-efficient forms of transportation and it proposed to repeal a provision relating to public hearings.

LD 1641 An Act Regarding the Taking of Tolls on the Maine Turnpike ONTP

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

LD 1641 proposed to require Maine Turnpike toll booth operators to let vehicles pass without collecting a toll whenever there are more than 15 vehicles waiting to pay the toll or there is more than a five-minute delay traveling

from entrance to exit. The bill also proposed to require toll booth operators to say "thank you" when taking a toll or pass.

LD 1659 **An Act Concerning the Disclosure of Motor Vehicle Records** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> O'GARA		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1659 proposed to implement the provisions of the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994, Public Law 103-202, which prohibits states from disclosing personal information contained in motor vehicle records except under certain circumstances. It would have prohibited the Bureau of Motor Vehicles from disclosing personal information except for use in connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and theft; motor vehicle emissions; motor vehicle product alterations, recalls or advisories; performance monitoring of motor vehicles and dealers by motor vehicle manufacturers; and removal of nonowner records from the original owner records of motor vehicle manufacturers.

The bill also proposed penalties for unauthorized disclosure of personal information.

LD 1660 **An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws Concerning Inspection Stations** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> O'GARA		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1660 proposed to amend the motor vehicle inspection laws by:

1. Establishing the Board of Maine Motor Vehicle Inspectors to assist the Chief of the State Police in the administration of the vehicle inspection laws.
2. Repealing the requirement that the catalytic converter and filler neck restriction be inspected and meet inspection standards.
3. Repealing the \$6 inspection fee and instead allow a station to charge for one-half hour of its posted labor rate.
4. Requiring that for a vehicle that does not pass inspection, the owner be given a defect report and the vehicle have placed on it a failure sticker. The owner would have one month to repair the defect that caused the vehicle to fail inspection.
5. Requiring all inspection mechanics to obtain Institute of Automotive Service Excellence, ASE, certification and to attend an inspection seminar. New applicants and mechanics renewing their certification would be required to have ASE certification. Currently certified inspection mechanics who do not have ASE certification would need to obtain certification by November 1, 1998.

6. Requiring inspection stations to obtain liability insurance, a sales tax registration certificate, and sufficient tools and personnel to repair all inspection defects except for body and collision work and glass replacement. An inspection station would be required to be open at least 35 hours per week.
7. Requiring that all fees generated from the inspection program in excess of the amount credited to the General Highway Fund in fiscal year 1995, \$1,476,959, be credited to and used by the Maine State Police to administer and enforce the motor vehicle inspection program.

LD 1666

An Act Concerning the Authority of the Secretary of State to Suspend and Revoke Licenses and Privileges to Operate in Maine

**PUBLIC 111
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LAWRENCE DONNELLY	OTP-AM	S-119

LD 1666 proposed to authorize the Secretary of State to suspend or revoke the licenses, certificates, decals or authority of separate legal entities, which are related as a result of common ownership or control, when one entity is issued a suspension or revocation.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-119) proposed to change the definition of related entities from the bill to include certain entities in which related individuals have a role in ownership, operation or control. The amendment also proposed to require that, when the Secretary of State's suspension or revocation of an entity is based on a recommendation of the Motor Carrier Review Board, the board must also make a recommendation on the suspension or revocation of related entities. The amendment also proposed to clarify that if an entity becomes a related entity or is created after the Secretary of State has made the decision to suspend or after the Motor Carrier Review Board makes its recommendation to suspend, the Secretary of State may immediately suspend the related entity.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 111 authorizes the Secretary of State to suspend or revoke the licenses, certificates, decals or authority of separate legal entities, which are related as a result of common ownership or control, when one entity is issued a suspension or revocation. It also requires that, when the Secretary of State's suspension or revocation of an entity is based on a recommendation of the Motor Carrier Review Board, the board must also make a recommendation on the suspension or revocation of related entities. It also clarifies that if an entity becomes a related entity or is created after the Secretary of State has made the decision to suspend or after the Motor Carrier Review Board makes its recommendation to suspend, the Secretary of State may immediately suspend the related entity. This law is effective April 18, 1997.

LD 1682

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Transportation to Propose an Adopt-A-Highway Program

RESOLVE 60

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BENNETT DRISCOLL	OTP MAJ ONTP MIN	

LD 1682 proposed to direct the Commissioner of Transportation to review Adopt-A-Highway programs in other states and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation to provide a plan for implementing an Adopt-A-Highway program in the State.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 60 directs the Commissioner of Transportation to review Adopt-A-Highway programs in other states and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation to provide a plan for implementing an Adopt-A-Highway program in the State.

LD 1687

An Act to Regulate the Use of Tow Trucks

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MACK KILKELLY	ONTP	

LD 1687 would have applied to a vehicle that is towed without the permission of the owner or operator of the vehicle. The bill proposed establishing maximum towing and storage charges and making the owner of the wrecker or tow truck liable for damages arising from the towing of a vehicle. The bill also proposed requiring that a vehicle may not be considered to be on a tow truck or wrecker and no charge may be assessed if all the vehicle's wheels are on the ground.

LD 1690

An Act to Allow Law Enforcement Agencies Access to Motor Vehicle Insurance Information

ONTP

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

LD 1690 proposed to require the Secretary of State to create the uninsured motorist identification database program to allow state and local law enforcement agencies to verify compliance with a motor vehicle owner's obligation to maintain liability insurance. The bill would have required each insurer that issues motor vehicle liability insurance to provide monthly reports to the Secretary of State identifying each motor vehicle policy in effect as of the previous month. The bill would have required the issuance of standardized temporary insurance cards and require an insurance company or insurance agent to notify the Secretary of State after cancellation of a policy maintained to meet the financial responsibility and insurance requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, chapter 13. The insurer could have been fined for failure to comply with these duties.

The Secretary of State would have been required to notify, in writing, a former insured that the person has one week to obtain motor vehicle liability insurance and to provide proof of such to the Secretary of State. If a former insured failed to comply, the Secretary of State would be required to suspend the registration of a motor vehicle for which insurance has been canceled.

The information provided to the Secretary of State under the uninsured motorist identification database program would be considered to be the property of the person providing the information and could only be disclosed in certain circumstances. An insurer would not be liable to any person for providing the required information nor would the State be liable for gathering, managing or using the information in the program.

LD 1749 **Resolve, Designating a World War II Monument in Bangor an Official State Memorial and Authorizing the Department of Transportation to Erect Signs Identifying That Memorial** **RESOLVE 37**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAXL J MURRAY	OTP-AM	H-363

LD 1749 proposed to permit the Department of Transportation to erect signs identifying the location of the World War II Memorial in Bangor.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-363) proposed to replace the resolve. It proposed to designate as an official state memorial the World War II monument to be erected in Bangor on the grounds of the Cole Land Transportation Museum. It also proposed to authorize the Department of Transportation to erect signs identifying the memorial's location.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 1997, chapter 37 designates as an official state memorial the World War II monument to be erected in Bangor on the grounds of the Cole Land Transportation Museum. It also authorizes the Department of Transportation to erect signs identifying the memorial's location.

LD 1767 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Construct an Adequate Railing on the Donald V. Carter Bridge** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
VIGUE CAREY	ONTP	

LD 1767 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to construct a railing on the Donald V. Carter Bridge that provides adequate protection for bicyclists and motorcyclists.

LD 1838

Resolve, Requiring the Department of Transportation to Study the Method of Posting Roads

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROOKS LIBBY	ONTP	

LD 1838 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to study the methods used by Canada to protect its roads and the circumstances leading to the use of those methods. The Commissioner of Transportation would have been required to submit a report on enacting similar methods in the State and any proposed legislation.

LD 1842

An Act to Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues in the Amount of \$56,850,000 to Match Available Federal Funds for Improvements to Municipal and State Roads, State and Local Bridges, Airports, State Ferry Vessels and Terminals and Rail and Marine Facilities

P & S 56

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM	H-709

LD 1842 proposed a \$40,500,000 bond issue for improvements to municipal and state roads and state and local bridges.

Committee Amendment “A” (H-709) proposed to replace the bill. It proposed a \$56,850,000 bond issue for improvements to municipal and state roads, state and local bridges, airports, state ferry vessels and terminals, and rail and marine facilities. This amendment also proposed to combine the General Fund and Highway Fund components of the transportation bond issue and lower the principal amount to be requested of the voters at the November 1997 election from \$79,500,000 to \$56,850,000. It also proposed to add a fiscal note.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law chapter 56 puts to voter referendum a \$56,850,000 bond issue for improvements to municipal and state roads, state and local bridges, airports, state ferry vessels and terminals, and rail and marine facilities.

LD 1858

An Act Directing the Department of Transportation to Conduct the Necessary Studies and to Construct an East-west Highway

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
HATCH MILLS	ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	

LD 1858 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to construct a highway from the Canadian border near the City of Calais to the New Hampshire border near Gilead and from the Canadian border near Coburn Gore

to a terminus at or near Farmington. The bill would have directed the department to install signs on existing state highways that connect Calais, Gilead and Coburn Gore. The names of these highways would have been chosen by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters during the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature.

LD 1883 **An Act to Ask Voters in a Referendum Whether One Travel Lane in Each Direction Should be Added to the Maine Turnpike, Paid for by Turnpike Tolls, to Reduce Accidents and Congestion** **PUBLIC 493**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1883 establishes a voter referendum regarding the widening of the Maine Turnpike. Approval of the referendum question results in the Maine Turnpike Authority being directed by law to proceed with adding one travel lane in each direction between Mile 12 and Mile 42 of the Maine Turnpike. Rejection of the referendum question results in a prohibition on widening or expanding the Maine Turnpike, unless the widening or expansion is approved by the Legislature.

House Amendment "A" (H-642) alters the referendum question to eliminate the phrase "to reduce accidents and congestion."

House Amendment "B" (H-674) establishes a voter referendum regarding the Maine Turnpike. Approval of the referendum question results in:

1. The Maine Turnpike Authority being directed by law to proceed with adding one travel lane in each direction between mile 12 and mile 42 of the Maine Turnpike;
2. A requirement that the Maine Turnpike Authority spend on alternative modes of transportation an amount equal to that spent on the widening;
3. The elimination of commuter discounts;
4. The Maine Turnpike Authority being authorized to offer discount tolls during nonpeak hours; and
5. The Maine Turnpike Authority being authorized to charge variable surcharges during any time period.

Rejection of the referendum question results in a prohibition on widening or expanding the Maine Turnpike unless the widening or expansion is approved by the Legislature.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1997, chapter 493 establishes a voter referendum regarding the widening of the Maine Turnpike. Approval of the referendum question results in the Maine Turnpike Authority being directed by law to proceed with adding one travel lane in each direction between Mile 12 and Mile 42 of the Maine Turnpike. Rejection of the referendum question results in a prohibition on widening or expanding the Maine Turnpike, unless the widening or expansion is approved by the Legislature.

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Enacted

None

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LD 653	Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Consider a Lighthouse Design by Students of Noble Junior High School for the Next General Issue of License Plates	ONTP	Page 881
LD 954	An Act to Establish a Passamaquoddy License Plate	ONTP	Page 889
LD 963	An Act to Establish the Loon Plate as the Official State License Plate and Establish the Committee to Develop a Decal System for License Plates	ONTP	Page 889

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Enacted

LD 116	An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Fog Lights	PUBLIC 115	Page 866
LD 423	An Act to Require That Headlights Be on during Inclement Weather	PUBLIC 249	Page 876

Not Enacted

LD 150	An Act Regarding the Use of Lights and Sirens on Personal Vehicles Used by Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel	ONTP	Page 867
LD 451	An Act to Expand the Number of Lights Firefighters May Use on Their Cars	ONTP	Page 877
LD 711	An Act to Require the Use of Headlights by Motor Vehicle Drivers at All Times	ONTP	Page 883
LD 750	An Act to Allow Law Enforcement Agencies to Use Red Flashing Lights on Their Vehicles	ONTP	Page 884

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Maine Turnpike Authority

Enacted

LD 1008	An Act to Make Allocation for Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1998	P & S 28	Page 891
LD 1883	An Act to Ask Voters in a Referendum Whether One Travel Lane in Each Direction Should be Added to the Maine Turnpike, Paid for by Turnpike Tolls, to Reduce Accidents and Congestion	PUBLIC 493	Page 919

Not Enacted

LD 242	An Act Requiring Reimbursement to Municipalities for Fire and Rescue on the Maine Turnpike	ONTP	Page 870
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LD 726	An Act to Increase the Bonding Limits of the Maine Turnpike Authority	CARRIED OVER	Page 883
LD 774	An Act to Allow Flexible Toll Pricing on the Maine Turnpike	ONTP	Page 884
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LD 1319	An Act to Equalize Tolls on the Maine Turnpike	ONTP	Page 897
LD 1422	An Act to Abolish the Maine Turnpike Authority	ONTP	Page 902
LD 1505	An Act to Preserve the Privacy of Commuters	ONTP	Page 911
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Enacted

LD 46	An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Law Enforcement Officers' Insurance Rates	PUBLIC 114	Page 863
LD 525	An Act to Increase the Availability and Reduce the Cost of Escorts for Over-limit Movements on the State's Roads	PUBLIC 144 EMERGENCY	Page 878
LD 903	An Act to Maintain the Department of Transportation's Current Policy on Reimbursement of Consultant Costs	PUBLIC 52	Page 887
LD 1339	An Act Relating to Municipal Excise Tax Reimbursement	PUBLIC 505 EMERGENCY	Page 899
LD 1377	Resolve, to Establish a Maine Mobility Fund Task Force	RESOLVE 73 EMERGENCY	Page 900
LD 1475	An Act to Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws	PUBLIC 437	Page 904
LD 1586	An Act Regarding Reimbursement for Sand and Salt Storage Facility Construction	PUBLIC 551	Page 912
LD 1666	An Act Concerning the Authority of the Secretary of State to Suspend and Revoke Licenses and Privileges to Operate in Maine	PUBLIC 111 EMERGENCY	Page 915

Not Enacted

LD 48	An Act to Allow Escorts of Certain Motor Vehicles by Any Police Officer	ONTP	Page 864
LD 627	An Act to Reimburse Part-time Police Departments	ONTP	Page 880
LD 1123	An Act to Allow a Left Turn on a Red Light on One-way Streets	ONTP	Page 894
LD 1504	An Act to Amend the Notification Requirements for Insurance Companies and Towing Companies	ONTP	Page 911
LD 1690	An Act to Allow Law Enforcement Agencies Access to Motor Vehicle Insurance Information	ONTP	Page 916

LD 1767 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Construct an Adequate Railing on the Donald V. Carter Bridge** **ONTP** **Page 917**

Municipalities/Roads

Enacted

LD 1227 **An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Improve the Conditions of Any Road That May be Turned Over to a Municipality** **PUBLIC 539** **Page 896**
EMERGENCY

Not Enacted

LD 154 **An Act to Increase the Population Threshold at Which a Town is Responsible for Maintaining Highways** **ONTP** **Page 867**

LD 279 **An Act to Require the Department of Transportation to Include Additional Criteria When Determining Whether to Take Over a Road** **ONTP** **Page 873**

LD 299 **An Act to Prohibit the Department of Transportation from Classifying a Road as a Town Way if 4,000 or More Vehicles Travel the Road Daily** **ONTP** **Page 873**

LD 772 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Develop Guidelines for Municipal Public Works Departments** **ONTP** **Page 884**

LD 838 **An Act to Permit Towns the Option of Winter Maintenance for Roads That are Turned Over to the Town for That Purpose** **ONTP** **Page 885**

LD 1280 **Resolve, to Provide Funds to Municipalities for Road Upkeep Based on Need** **ONTP** **Page 896**

LD 1485 **Resolve, to Require the Department of Transportation to Study the Use of Culverts** **ONTP** **Page 911**

Motor Vehicle Records

Enacted

None

Not Enacted

LD 1659	An Act Concerning the Disclosure of Motor Vehicle Records	ONTP	Page 914
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Naming Roads and Bridges

Enacted

LD 51	Resolve, to Name the South Warren Bridge in Memory of James Andrew "Drew" Griffith	RESOLVE 3	Page 864
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LD 119	Resolve, to Name a Section of Route 26 in Bethel in Oxford County in Memory of Captain Carl R. Churchill, United States Air Force, Killed in Action in Laos, May 3, 1970	RESOLVE 5	Page 866
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LD 984	Resolve, to Name the New Bridge over the Fore River in Portland	RESOLVE 7	Page 890
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LD 1143	Resolve, to Name the New Topsham-Brunswick Bridge across the Androscoggin	RESOLVE 39	Page 894
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LD 1607	Resolve, to Name the New Bangor-Brewer Replacement Bridge	RESOLVE 22	Page 913
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LD 1749	Resolve, Designating a World War II Monument in Bangor an Official State Memorial and Authorizing the Department of Transportation to Erect Signs Identifying That Memorial	RESOLVE 37	Page 917
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Not Enacted

LD 385	Resolve, to Name the Portland-South Portland Bridge the "George Cleeve Memorial Bridge"	ONTP	Page 876
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LD 448	Resolve, to Name the Entrances to the Donald V. Carter Bridge Connecting Winslow and Waterville the "Purple Heart Highway"	ONTP	Page 877
LD 747	Resolve, to Name a Portion of Route 26 from Newry to Upton	ONTP	Page 883
LD 1307	Resolve, to Name the New Connector of Route 196 and Route 1 in Topsham	ONTP	Page 897
LD 1401	An Act to Impose Penalties on Adult Passengers in Motor Vehicles Who Fail to Use Seat Belts	ONTP	Page 901

Outdoor Advertising

Enacted

None

Not Enacted

LD 124	An Act to Repeal the Rental Fees for Road Signs	ONTP	Page 867
LD 703	An Act to Allow Signs to Change an Unlimited Number of Times per Day	ONTP	Page 882

Rail

Enacted

None

Not Enacted

LD 431	An Act to Improve the Rail Lines in Washington County and Establish an Intermodal Railroad Facility	ONTP	Page 876
LD 595	An Act to Clarify the State's Authority to Acquire and Preserve Rail Corridors for Use as Transportation Corridors	ONTP	Page 878
LD 1039	An Act Relating to the Use of Railbeds as Recreational Trails	ONTP	Page 892

LD 1594 **An Act to Transfer State Ownership of Certain Railroad Rights-of-way, Create the Calais to Eastport Rail Authority and Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$4,500,000 to Fund Establishment of Freight Rail Service between Calais and Eastport** **CARRIED OVER** **Page 912**

Registration/Title

Enacted

LD 110 **An Act to Exempt Certain Loaned Federal Vehicles from Certificates of Title** **PUBLIC 100** **Page 865**
EMERGENCY

LD 1347 **An Act Regarding Residency and Motor Vehicle Registration** **PUBLIC 252** **Page 899**

Not Enacted

LD 3 **An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Registration of Pickup Trucks** **ONTP** **Page 862**

LD 55 **An Act to Require Disclosure of Insurer on Motor Vehicle Registrations** **ONTP** **Page 864**

LD 927 **An Act to Eliminate the Requirement for a Motor Vehicle Title upon Registration if the Motor Vehicle Is More than 10 Years Old** **ONTP** **Page 888**

School Bus

Enacted

None

Not Enacted

LD 446 **An Act to Make the Use of Stop Arm Warning Devices Mandatory on School Buses** **ONTP** **Page 877**

LD 544 **An Act Regarding the Penalty for Passing a Stopped School Bus** **ONTP** **Page 878**

Seat Belts

Enacted

LD 367	An Act to Provide That the Operator of a Motor Vehicle Is Not Responsible for Securing in a Seat Belt a Passenger 18 Years of Age or Older	PUBLIC 450	Page 875
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Not Enacted

LD 1401	An Act to Impose Penalties on Adult Passengers in Motor Vehicles Who Fail to Use Seat Belts	ONTP	Page 901
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Speed

Enacted

None

Not Enacted

LD 1461	Resolve, Requiring the Department of Transportation to Investigate Increasing the Speed Limit on Certain Portions of the Interstate Highway System in Portland and Bangor	ONTP	Page 904
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LD 1507	An Act to Change the Fine for Speeding in a School Zone	ONTP	Page 911
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LD 1534	An Act to Increase the Speed Limit and Amend the Penalty Point System	ONTP	Page 912
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Transportation Policy

Enacted

None

Not Enacted

LD 1617 **An Act to Amend the Sensible Transportation Policy Act** **ONTP** **Page 913**

Trucks - General

Enacted

LD 640 **An Act Requiring Qualified Investigation of Certain Truck-related and Bus-related Fatalities** **PUBLIC 172** **Page 880**

Not Enacted

LD 50 **An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Department of Transportation to Designate Truck Routes** **ONTP** **Page 864**

LD 161 **An Act to Require that Cargo Being Hauled by Trucks Be Covered** **ONTP** **Page 867**

LD 1298 **An Act Regarding Restrictions Placed on Certain Motor Vehicles That Travel on a Public Way** **ONTP** **Page 897**

LD 1333 **Resolve, Regarding the Posting of Certain Roads by the Department of Transportation** **DIED BETWEEN BODIES** **Page 898**

LD 1687 **An Act to Regulate the Use of Tow Trucks** **ONTP** **Page 916**

Trucks - Weight

Enacted

LD 109 **An Act to Eliminate the Fine for Exceeding the Axle Weight Limit** **ONTP** **Page 865**

Not Enacted

LD 1320 **Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Create a Weighing Point on Route 202 between Alfred and Lebanon** **ONTP** **Page 897**

LD 1418 **An Act to Allow Certain Overweight Trucks to Proceed without Being Off-loaded** **ONTP** **Page 902**

Vehicle Inspection/Equipment

Enacted

LD 1084 **An Act to Allow After-market Window Tinting of Multi-purpose Vehicles** **PUBLIC 129** **Page 893**

Not Enacted

LD 78 **An Act to Increase the Fee for Car Inspections** **ONTP** **Page 865**

LD 1660 **An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws Concerning Inspection Stations** **ONTP** **Page 914**