

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 3 **Resolve, To Equalize Funding of Rail Service from New Hampshire** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARLEY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 3 proposed to authorize the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to assess a surcharge on tickets purchased in New Hampshire for travel on the Downeaster passenger rail service. It further proposed to require all money received from the surcharge to be used solely for the payment of operational costs for the Downeaster passenger rail service.

LD 13 **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Commercial Vehicle Length Limits** **PUBLIC 170**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAMON MARLEY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-166
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LD 13 proposed to allow a 48-foot trailer to transport rough-sawn, milled or finished lumber with an overhang of 18 inches or less.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-166) replaced the bill and proposed to clarify that a load on a combination vehicle with a 48-foot trailer may overhang the structural portion of the trailer as long as the overall length does not exceed 69 feet.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 170 clarifies that a load on a combination vehicle with a 48-foot trailer may overhang the structural portion of the trailer as long as the overall length does not exceed 69 feet.

LD 18 **An Act To Require the Department of Transportation To Maintain the Morneault Road in Grand Isle** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SMITH W MARTIN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 18 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to maintain the Morneault Road in Grand Isle.

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LD 36

An Act To Promote Access to Transportation for Seniors

PUBLIC 71

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BRENNAN DUDLEY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 36 proposed to provide an exemption from dealer licensing laws for public or nonprofit organizations that use automobile donations to provide transportation for persons 65 years of age or older or that take personal automobiles in trade from persons 65 years of age or older in exchange for transportation services.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 71 provides an exemption from dealer licensing laws for public or nonprofit organizations that use automobile donations to provide transportation for persons 65 years of age or older or that take personal automobiles in trade from persons 65 years of age or older in exchange for transportation services.

LD 38

An Act To Enhance Highway Safety

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COURTNEY	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 38 proposed to require rear lights on motor vehicles to be on during the same circumstances when headlights are required to be illuminated.

LD 39

An Act To Amend the Definition of Authorized Emergency Vehicle

PUBLIC 14

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COURTNEY WHEELER	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-16
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LD 39 proposed to amend the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle" to include a vehicle operated by a municipal rescue chief, deputy chief or assistant chief.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-16) proposed to define a rescue vehicle as a vehicle operated by a municipal rescue chief, deputy chief or assistant chief and allow a rescue vehicle to be equipped with a red light or a combination of red and white light.

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Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 14 defines a rescue vehicle as a vehicle operated by a municipal rescue chief, deputy chief or assistant chief. The law further designates a rescue vehicle as an “authorized emergency vehicle” and allows a rescue vehicle to be equipped with a red light or a combination of red and white light.

LD 45 **Resolve, To Rename Chick Road in Lebanon and Sanford after the** **RESOLVE 13**
Late State Representative Howard Chick

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TUTTLE COURTNEY	OTP	

LD 45 proposed to rename Chick Road, in the Town of Sanford and the Town of Lebanon, Representative Howard A. Chick Road in memory of the late State Representative, Howard A. Chick.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 13 renames Chick Road, in the Town of Sanford and the Town of Lebanon, to the “Representative Howard A. Chick Road”, in memory of the late State Representative, Howard A. Chick.

LD 47 **An Act To Require the State To Provide Winter Maintenance on** **ONTP**
State Aid Highways

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

LD 47 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to provide winter maintenance on state aid highways at the expense of the State.

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LD 59 **An Act To Repeal the Authority of the Department of
Transportation To Assess Impact Fees on New Businesses** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RINES PERRY J	ONTP	

LD 59 proposed to repeal a provision of law that allows the Department of Transportation to assess impact fees against new development to finance transportation improvements that are required by new growth in a community.

LD 71 **An Act To Amend the Law Pertaining to Nitrous Oxide Systems** **PUBLIC 31**

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

LD 71 proposed to allow a person to operate a motor vehicle equipped with a nitrous oxide system on a public way if the vehicle is en route to or from a car show, a fill station or an off-highway competition or event.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 31 allows a person to operate a motor vehicle equipped with a nitrous oxide system on a public way if the vehicle is en route to or from a car show, a fill station or an off-highway competition or event.

LD 79 **An Act To Allow the Issuance of Vanity Plates for Buses** **ONTP**

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

LD 79 proposed to authorize the Secretary of State to issue vanity registration plates for buses.

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LD 80 **An Act To Amend the Law Governing Use of Seat Belts** **ONTP**

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

LD 80 proposed to allow a police officer to detain and cite a vehicle operator or passenger 18 years of age or older solely for failing to wear a seat belt. Current law prohibits the enforcement of the seat belt law unless the driver has been stopped for another violation of a law.

LD 88 **An Act To Eliminate Automobile Inspection Requirements** **ONTP**

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

LD 88 proposed to repeal statutory provisions that require motor vehicles registered in the State to have an annual motor vehicle inspection.

LD 113 **An Act To Allow Animal Control Officers and Individuals Who Collect Trash To Use Flashing Amber Lights on Their Vehicles** **PUBLIC 15**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BROWNE	OTP	
SAVAGE		

LD 113 proposed to allow animal control officers and businesses that collect trash to use flashing amber lights on their vehicles.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 15 allows animal control officers and businesses that collect trash to use flashing amber lights on their vehicles.

LD 124 **An Act To Require Informational Signs on the Maine Turnpike for The Theater at Monmouth** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SMITH N	ONTP	
COWGER		

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LD 124 proposed to require that 2 directional signs for The Theater at Monmouth be placed on the Maine Turnpike near the Sabattus exit.

LD 128 **An Act To Create a License Plate for the Elks Organization** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MILLER		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 128 proposes to authorize the issuance of a special registration plate for the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks that will fund special programs of that fraternal and civic organization.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 131 **An Act To Equitably Maintain the Fiscal Sustainability of the Highway Fund** **DIED ON ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARLEY DAMON		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 131 proposed to delay the adjustment for inflation of the excise tax on internal combustion engine fuel and distillates from 2005 to 2007.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-96) proposed to replace the bill and would partially maintain the buying power of the Highway Fund by adjusting the fuel tax rate on gasoline to reflect inflation and by adjusting the fuel tax rate on diesel fuel so that it is equal to the gasoline tax rate as of July 1, 2006. (Not adopted)

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-54) proposed to remove the emergency preamble and emergency clause from the bill. (Not adopted)

Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-98) proposed to repeal the laws that provide for the adjustment for inflation of the excise tax on internal combustion engine fuel and distillates effective July 1, 2007. (Not adopted)

Senate Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-99) proposed to replace the bill and would require the gas tax rate to remain at 25.2¢ per gallon and the tax on distillates to remain at 26.3¢ per gallon from July 1, 2005 until June 30, 2007. The amendment also proposed to delay the adjustment of the excise tax on internal combustion engine fuel and distillates from 2005 to 2007. (Not adopted)

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LD 132 **An Act To Amend the Law Governing Construction Flaggers** **ONTP**

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

LD 132 proposed to require all flaggers controlling traffic on or adjacent to a public way to receive flagger training. Current law only requires privately employed flaggers at highway construction sites on public ways to be trained in controlling traffic.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-47), the committee minority report, proposed to require publicly and privately employed flaggers to receive annual training in controlling traffic at construction sites. The amendment proposed to clarify that flagger training must comply with the standards set forth in the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways. It would also require flagger training materials to be paid for by the Department of Transportation. The amendment further proposed to exempt an individual providing flagging services in an emergency situation where there is imminent danger of damage or injury to property or personal health and safety from training requirements. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 138 **Resolve, To Provide Efficient Highway Access to Central Maine Medical Services** **ONTP**

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

LD 138 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to authorize the construction of a new entrance from Interstate 95 to the planned Central Maine Medical Services Regional Cancer Treatment facility on the Old Belgrade Road in Augusta.

LD 152 **An Act To Change the Oversight of the Maine Pilotage Commission** **ONTP**

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

LD 152 proposed to change the oversight of the Maine Pilotage Commission from the Department of Transportation to the Maine Port Authority.

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LD 153 **An Act To Require Enforcement of the Low-emission Vehicle Program** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COWGER		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 153 proposed to prohibit a person from registering a new vehicle unless the person provides proof to the Secretary of State that the vehicle is certified to meet California-emission certified standards. As proposed, the bill would prevent a resident from purchasing a vehicle outside the State that does not comply with the low-emission vehicle program described in the Maine Revised States, Title 38, section 585-D and registering the vehicle in Maine.

LD 155 **Resolve, To Direct the Department of Transportation To Build a Truck Escape Ramp on Route 16** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MILLS P		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 155 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to construct a truck escape ramp on Route 16 in Bingham to slow and stop vehicles that are out of control due to a loss of braking ability.

LD 163 **Resolve, To Designate a Certain Intersection in Sidney as the Trooper Jeffrey S. Parola Memorial** **RESOLVE 1**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CARR DAVIS P		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 163 proposed to designate the intersection of Lyons Road and Route 104 in Sidney as the Trooper Jeffrey S. Parola Memorial. Trooper Parola was killed at this intersection while dutifully responding to a tactical team call.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 1 designates the intersection of Lyons Road and Route 104 in Sidney as the Trooper Jeffrey S. Parola Memorial. Trooper Parola was killed at this intersection while dutifully responding to a tactical team call.

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LD 171 **An Act To Allocate Funds To Erect a Bridge between Madawaska and Pelletier Island in St. Agatha** **ONTP**

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

LD 171 proposed to provide a Highway Fund allocation to the Department of Transportation to construct a bridge between Madawaska and Pelletier Island in St. Agatha.

LD 172 **An Act Requiring Protective Headgear for All Operators and Passengers on Motorcycles, Motor-driven Cycles and Mopeds** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
WHEELER ANDREWS	ONTP A OTP B OTP-AM C	

LD 172 proposed to require use of helmets by all operators and passengers of motorcycles, motor-driven cycles and mopeds.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-221), the committee minority report, proposed to require use of helmets by all operators and passengers of motorcycles, motor-driven cycles or attached side cars under 21 years of age. It also proposed to require an operator of a motorcycle to wear protective eyewear when operating a motorcycle if the motorcycle is not equipped with a windshield or screen that protects the operator's eyes and face. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 175 **An Act To Permit Logo Signs on the Maine Turnpike** **ONTP**

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

LD 175 proposed to authorize the Maine Turnpike Authority to install logo signs on the Maine Turnpike and direct the Maine Turnpike Authority to adopt major substantive rules to establish application and installation procedures.

LD 202 **An Act To Clarify Matters Relating to the Offices of Secretary and Treasurer of the Maine Turnpike Authority** **PUBLIC 54**

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

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LD 243 proposed to permit municipal and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel to use any combination of 2 flashing red or white lights on personal vehicles while en route to or at the scene of fires or other emergencies. It would also provide that such vehicles are covered by the rules of operation applying to authorized emergency vehicles. The bill also proposed to require that a person may only use flashing lights on a personal vehicle upon completion of a state-certified emergency vehicle operators or emergency ambulance operators course.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-220) replaced the bill and proposed to allow municipal and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel to use either one flashing red light or any combination of 2 red or white lights on personal vehicles while en route to or at the scene of fires or other emergencies. It also proposed to require that a person may only use emergency lights on a personal vehicle upon completion of a state-certified emergency vehicle operators or emergency ambulance operators course.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-270) replaced Committee Amendment "A" and proposed to remove the requirement that municipal and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical service personnel who are responding to the scene of an emergency in personal vehicles be trained in emergency vehicle operation. It also proposed to allow personal vehicles of municipal and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel to be equipped with flashing red or combination red and white lights facing to the front of the vehicle for use while en route to or at the scene of emergencies.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 299 allows personal vehicles of municipal and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel to be equipped with flashing red or combination red and white lights facing to the front of the vehicle for use while en route to or at the scene of emergencies.

LD 252 **Resolve, To Name Interstate 295 Ronald Reagan Memorial Highway** **ONTP**

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

LD 252 proposed to name Interstate 295 the Ronald Reagan Memorial Highway.

LD 255 **An Act To Require a Person Operating Farm Equipment on Public Roads To Be Adequately Trained** **ONTP**

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

LD 255, a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposed to require that, prior to operating a farm vehicle on a public road, a person must demonstrate proficiency in the operation of that vehicle.

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Committee Amendment "A" (H-165), the committee minority report, proposed to direct the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the Department of Public Safety and the Maine Farm Bureau Association to examine the feasibility of implementing a mandatory training course for the operation of farm vehicles on public roads. The amendment further proposed to require the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than November 1, 2005. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 258 **An Act To Repeal Gasoline Tax Indexing** **ONTP**

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

LD 258 proposed to repeal the annual inflation indexing of the excise tax on motor fuel.

LD 277 **An Act Regarding the Management and Use of Sears Island** **PUBLIC 277**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCKENNEY COURTNEY	OTP-AM	H-439

LD 277 proposed to require that Sears Island be managed primarily for industrial and commercial purposes.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-439) proposed to remove language from the bill that would require that Sears Island be managed primarily for industrial and commercial purposes. It further proposed to require the Commissioner of Transportation to bring before the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters for review and approval any proposal that would alter the current land use, ownership or jurisdiction of lands owned by the State within the Port of Searsport presently under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation.

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Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 277 requires the Commissioner of Transportation to bring before the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters for review and approval any proposal that would alter the current land use, ownership or jurisdiction of lands owned by the State within the Port of Searsport presently under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation.

LD 279 **An Act To Require Trains in the State To Operate with a Minimum of 5 Employees** **ONTP**

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

LD 279 proposed to require railroad companies to operate each train with a minimum of 5 employees.

LD 334 **An Act Allowing Certain Commercial Vehicles at Canadian Weight Limits To Travel from the Canadian Border at Calais to Baileyville** **PUBLIC 421**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JOY	OTP-AM MAJ	H-261
RAYE	ONTP MIN	S-319 MARTIN
		S-388 DAMON

LD 334 proposed to authorize the Commissioner of Transportation to conduct a pilot project allowing certain commercial vehicles at Canadian weight limits to travel from the Canadian border at Houlton to New Limerick and from the Canadian border at Calais to Baileyville. It proposed to require trucks participating in the pilot project to display a credential obtained for a fee from the Secretary of State. The bill also proposed to require the Commissioner of Transportation to submit a report on the status of the pilot project and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters for presentation to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-261), the committee majority report, proposed to shorten the length of the pilot project from 10 years to five years and limit the allowable route of travel to travel from the Canadian border at Calais to Baileyville. The amendment also proposed to require that the report of the Commissioner of Transportation be submitted to the joint standing committee of the 124th Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters and include information on the impact of the pilot project on road conditions.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-319) proposed to require the approval of the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration prior to the pilot project's taking effect.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-388) proposed to remove the appropriations and allocations section from the amendment.

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Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 421 authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation, upon approval of the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, to conduct a five-year pilot project allowing certain commercial vehicles at Canadian weight limits to travel from the Canadian border at Calais to Baileyville. The law requires trucks participating in the pilot project to display a credential obtained for a fee from the Secretary of State. The law also requires the Commissioner of Transportation to submit a report on the status of the pilot project and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters for presentation to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

LD 360 **An Act To Allow Retired Firefighters To Retain Their Firefighter License Plates** **PUBLIC 80**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JACKSON MARTIN		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-131
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LD 360 proposed to authorize the issuance of a special license plate for retired firefighters that would fund special programs that offer fire prevention and fire safety training.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-131) replaced the bill and proposed to allow retired firefighters to retain their firefighter license plates with approval from the fire chief, assistant fire chief or acting fire chief. Upon the death of the firefighter, it proposed to allow the family of the firefighter to retain the license plate but would prohibit its use on a vehicle.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 80 allows retired firefighters to retain their firefighter license plates with approval from the fire chief, assistant fire chief or acting fire chief. Upon the death of the firefighter, the law allows the family of the firefighter to retain the license plate but prohibits its use on a vehicle.

LD 371 **An Act To Distribute Revenue in the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund to Municipalities and Counties and To Assist Law Enforcement Officers with Unmet Catastrophic Medical Needs** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAVAGE MARLEY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-110
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LD 371 proposed to require that any balance in the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund remaining at the end of the fiscal year be distributed among municipalities according to a population-based revenue-sharing formula. It proposed to provide that if a municipality does not qualify because it does not employ at least one law enforcement officer or contract with a county to provide patrol service, then the county in which that municipality is located receives the nonqualifying municipality's share of the fund.

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Committee Amendment "A" (S-110) proposed to create the Law Enforcement Benevolent Fund to be used to meet the unmet financial needs of injured and ill law enforcement officers and their families. The amendment proposed to require that 10% of any balance in the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund at the end of the fiscal year be transferred to the Law Enforcement Benevolent Fund. It also proposed to distribute any funds remaining in the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund after funds are transferred to the Law Enforcement Benevolent Fund to municipalities and counties according to a population-based revenue-sharing formula as provided in the original bill.

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table by S.P. 640 to the next special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature

LD 375 **An Act To Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2006** **P & S 2**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 375 proposed to make allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2006 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

Enacted law summary

Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 2 makes allocations from gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the payment of the authority's operating expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2006 in accordance with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.

LD 380 **An Act To Allow Small Car Carriers To Haul the Maximum Allowed Vehicles** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PARADIS MARTIN	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 380 proposed to allow a vehicle weighing more than 10,000 pounds or combination of vehicles with dealer plates to transport 4 automobiles, trucks or truck tractors at any time.

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LD 395

An Act Concerning Street Rod Standards

PUBLIC 34

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MERRILL SAVAGE		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 395 proposed to repeal the requirement of membership in a qualified street rod owners organization to qualify a vehicle as a street rod.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 34 repeals the requirement of membership in a qualified street rod owners organization in order to qualify a vehicle as a street rod.

LD 418

An Act To Exempt Certain Tires from the Speed Rating Requirements

**PUBLIC 66
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SMITH N		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-117
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LD 418 proposed to exempt motor vehicle tires purchased on or before September 13, 2003 and motor vehicle snow tires from speed rating requirements

Committee Amendment "A" (H-117) replaced the bill and proposed to remove the requirement that a vehicle must be equipped with tires that meet or exceed the load and speed rating of the original equipment tires. The amendment also proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 66 removes the requirement that a vehicle must be equipped with tires that meet or exceed the load and speed rating of the original equipment tires.

Public Law 2005, chapter 66 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 29, 2005.

LD 419

An Act To Create a License Plate for the National Rifle Association

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CEBRA		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 419 proposes to authorize the issuance of a special registration plate for the National Rifle Association that will fund special programs that offer firearm training and safety and hunter training and safety.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

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LD 437 **An Act To Create an Agriculture Recognition License Plate** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TRAHAN NUTTING J		

LD 437 proposes to authorize the issuance of an agriculture recognition registration plate to support programs that benefit the Maine Ag in the Classroom Association and other agricultural youth organizations approved by that association.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 439 **An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study Public Health Concerning Alternative Roadways** **ONTP**

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

LD 439 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to expend at least 1% of its annual Highway Fund allocation for highway improvement, construction and maintenance on the construction and maintenance of alternative roadways. It also proposed to require the Commissioner of Transportation to study the economic development impact of constructing and maintaining alternative roadways and submit a report for presentation to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

LD 441 **An Act To Change the Fine Structure for Overweight Hauling Vehicles** **ONTP**

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

LD 441 proposed to reduce the fine assessed for an excessive vehicle weight violation if the owner of the commercial vehicle has a gross income of less than \$100,000. The bill also proposed to prohibit a law enforcement officer from issuing more than one citation to a commercial vehicle operator for an inspection or excessive vehicle weight violation within a 24-hour period. It further proposed to require multiple reductions of fines that apply to an excessive vehicle weight violation to be combined.

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LD 446

An Act To Mandate Payment of Licensed Sign Language Interpreters for Driver Education Students

PUBLIC 411

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> EDMONDS		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-168
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LD 446 proposed to require the Secretary of State to provide certified deaf interpreter services or computer-assisted real-time transcription for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons required to complete a driver education or motorcycle driver education course and examination in order to qualify for a driver's license or instruction permit.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-168) proposed to clarify that the Secretary of State must provide licensed interpreter services for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons required to complete a driver education or motorcycle driver education course and examination in order to qualify for a driver's license or instruction permit. The amendment also proposed to add an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 411 requires the Secretary of State to provide licensed interpreter services or computer-assisted real-time transcription for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons required to complete a driver education or motorcycle driver education course and examination in order to qualify for a driver's license or instruction permit.

LD 492

An Act To Create a Special Higher Education License Plate

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RECTOR ROSEN R		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 492 proposes to authorize the issuance of a higher education special registration plate to honor institutions of higher learning in Maine and to fund the Maine State Grant Program.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 495

An Act To Reduce School Truancy

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MAKAS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 495 proposed to provide that a person under 17 years of age may not apply for an instruction permit to operate a motor vehicle or motorcycle and may not apply for a license unless that person provides proof that the person has not been declared habitually truant.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-369), the committee minority report, proposed to clarify that a public school student under 17 years of age may not apply for an instruction permit to operate a motor vehicle or motorcycle

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and may not apply for a license unless that person provides proof that the person has not been declared habitually truant. The amendment also proposed to repeal these provisions June 30, 2008. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 498

An Act To Amend the Laws Relating to Changeable Signs

PUBLIC 195

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
GLYNN	OTP-AM MAJ ONTP MIN	H-291

LD 498 proposed to authorize a municipality to adopt an ordinance to regulate changeable signs within that municipality that is more or less stringent than state standards except for changeable signs located on interstate corridors.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-291), the committee majority report, proposed to remove language from the bill that would allow a municipality to adopt an ordinance to regulate changeable signs that is more or less stringent than state standards. The amendment also proposed to authorize a municipality to adopt an ordinance to regulate the changing of messages displayed on a changeable sign, except that a municipality may not allow flashing.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 195 authorizes a municipality to adopt an ordinance to regulate the changing of messages displayed on a changeable sign, except that a municipality may not allow flashing.

LD 501

**An Act To Amend the Operator's License and Nondriver
Identification Card Requirements for Nonimmigrants**

CARRIED OVER

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

LD 501 proposes to require an applicant for a driver's license or a nondriver identification card who is a nonimmigrant to provide the Secretary of State written proof, evidence or documentation that the applicant's presence in the United States is authorized under federal law. It also proposes to provide that a driver's license or nondriver identification card issued to a nonimmigrant is not valid past the expiration date of the nonimmigrant's permission to remain in the United States.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

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LD 505

An Act Relating to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

**PUBLIC 312
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARLEY SAVAGE	OTP-AM	H-362 S-192 DAMON

LD 505 proposed to amend the Passenger Rail Service Act as follows:

1. It proposed to repeal the section of law pertaining to initial funding for the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.
2. It proposed to expand the membership of the board of directors of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to include the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, or designee and the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development or designee.
3. It proposed to change provisions relating to the liability of a passenger rail service provider to clarify that more than one passenger rail service provider may be covered under a single liability insurance policy.
4. It proposed to provide that any documents or records of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority relating to employment applications are confidential.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-362) proposed to do the following:

1. It proposed to add an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.
2. It proposed to require members of the board of directors of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority who are appointed by the Governor to be confirmed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters.
3. It proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to develop a plan to extend the current Downeaster passenger rail service northward from Portland to Brunswick and Rockland so that this extended service is in operation no later than January 1, 2008. It further proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than January 1, 2006.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-192) proposed to require the Governor's appointees to the board of directors of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to be confirmed by the Legislature instead of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 312 amends the Passenger Rail Service Act as follows:

1. It repeals the section of law pertaining to initial funding for the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

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2. It expands the membership of the board of directors of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to include the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, or designee and the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development or designee.
3. It requires members of the board of directors of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority who are appointed by the Governor to be confirmed by the Legislature.
4. It changes provisions relating to the liability of a passenger rail service provider to clarify that more than one passenger rail service provider may be covered under a single liability insurance policy.
5. It provides that any documents or records of the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority relating to employment applications are confidential.
6. It directs the Department of Transportation to develop a plan to extend the current Downeaster passenger rail service northward from Portland to Brunswick and Rockland so that this extended service is in operation no later than January 1, 2008. It also directs the Department of Transportation to submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than January 1, 2006.

Public Law 2005, chapter 312 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 7, 2005.

LD 510

An Act Concerning Dismantling of Railroad Track

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> RICHARDSON J EDMONDS		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 510 proposes to amend the law establishing procedures for dismantling railroad track so that it applies to any track, not just state-owned track.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 511

Resolve, Directing the State Police, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division To Examine Enforcement Methods

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SHERMAN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 511 proposed to direct the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division in conjunction with the Department of Transportation to examine the impact of its enforcement procedures, including, but not limited to, its fine structure and schedule of traffic infractions, on the trucking industry and on the State.

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LD 524

An Act To Facilitate Reimbursement of Public Utilities Relocation Costs

**PUBLIC 282
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BOWEN SAVAGE	OTP-AM	H-458

LD 524 proposed to allow the Department of Transportation to reimburse a utility for the cost of moving or relocating facilities as a result of a highway construction project to the extent such payments by the department are in turn eligible for reimbursement from federal funds under 23 United States Code, Section 123.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-458) replaced the bill and proposed to allow the Department of Transportation to use federal transportation funds to reimburse a National Register Historic District for the portion of the cost to move or relocate overhead utilities underground on the National Highway System to the extent that such payments are eligible for reimbursement under the federal surface transportation program under 23 United States Code, Section 133 (2005).

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 282 allows the Department of Transportation to use federal transportation funds to reimburse a National Register Historic District for the portion of the cost to move or relocate overhead utilities underground on the National Highway System to the extent that such payments are eligible for reimbursement under the federal surface transportation program under 23 United States Code, Section 133 (2005).

Public Law 2005, chapter 282 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 2, 2005.

LD 525

An Act To Ban the Use of Handheld Cellular Telephones while Operating a Motor Vehicle

ONTP

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

LD 525 proposed to prohibit the use of a handheld cellular telephone while operating a motor vehicle. The bill also proposed to clarify that law enforcement officers, corrections officers, firefighters, drivers of authorized emergency vehicles, holders of commercial driver's licenses, physicians, municipal public works personnel, Maine Turnpike Authority personnel and state transportation personnel, including all employees and contractors of the Department of Transportation, may use handheld cellular telephones while driving within the scope of their employment.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-164), the committee minority report, replaced the bill and proposed to define the term "distracted driving" and provide that a person who engages in distracted driving commits a traffic infraction. It also proposed to provide that a distracted driving violation may be enforced only if a law enforcement officer has detained the operator of the motor vehicle for a moving violation. The amendment further proposed to preempt municipal ordinances relating to the use of mobile telephones. This amendment was not adopted.

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LD 528 **An Act To Exempt Insurers of Commercial Vehicle Fleets from the Requirement of Notification to the Secretary of State When Insurance Is Cancelled** **PUBLIC 95**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAVAGE MCKENNEY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-95
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LD 528 proposed to exempt the insurer of a fleet of 3 or more vehicles with commercial automobile coverage from the requirement to notify the Secretary of State when insurance is cancelled, terminated or lapsed.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-95) proposed a technical amendment to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 95 exempts the insurer of a fleet of 3 or more vehicles with commercial fleet automobile coverage from the requirement to notify the Secretary of State when insurance is cancelled, terminated or lapsed.

LD 529 **An Act To Allow Vehicles Owned by Sanitary or Sewer Districts To Use Municipal License Plates** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAVAGE		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 529 proposed to require the Secretary of State to issue municipal plates for a vehicle owned by a sanitary or sewer district.

LD 555 **An Act To Enhance Driver Education and Safety** **PUBLIC 174
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FLETCHER SNOWE-MELLO		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-289
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LD 555 proposed to authorize an individual or entity to provide voluntary advanced driver education instruction to a person at least 21 years of age who has a valid driver's license.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-289) replaced the bill and proposed to authorize an advanced driver education course, establish instructor licensing and curriculum requirements and provide penalties for noncompliance with the statutory provisions governing advanced driver education.

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Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 174 authorizes an advanced driver education course, establishes instructor licensing and curriculum requirements and provides penalties for noncompliance with the statutory provisions governing advanced driver education.

Public Law 2005, chapter 174 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 20, 2005.

LD 606 **Resolve, To Require the Department of Transportation To Rebuild the Frank J. Wood Bridge between Brunswick and Topsham** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARDSON J EDMONDS	ONTP	

LD 606 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to rebuild the Frank J. Wood Bridge between Brunswick and Topsham.

LD 607 **An Act To Extend Passenger Rail Service to Midcoast Maine** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
RICHARDSON J EDMONDS	ONTP	

LD 607 proposed to direct the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to extend regularly scheduled passenger rail service between Portland and Rockland and points in between beginning January 2006.

LD 614 **An Act To Eliminate the Rebate Process for Refunding the State Gas Tax** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
COLLINS PERRY J	ONTP	

LD 614 proposed to exempt fuel bought and used in a political subdivision's vehicles from the state motor fuel tax. Current law allows a political subdivision of the State to apply to the State Tax Assessor for a reimbursement of the tax paid on fuel bought and used in the political subdivision's vehicles.

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LD 616

An Act To Alter Wrecker Registrations

ONTP

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

LD 616 proposed to require dealer wrecker registrations to designate the number of damaged vehicles that the wrecker is built to safely carry.

LD 634

An Act To Amend the Electronic Insurance Cancellation Notification Law

PUBLIC 428

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
FISCHER DAMON	OTP-AM MAJ OTP-AM MIN	H-518 S-389 DAMON

LD 634 proposed to allow a 15-day reconciliation period at the Secretary of State's office to reconcile motor vehicle insurance cancellations with reinstatements and policies placed with a different company before the Secretary of State sends out a notification of suspension. It also proposed to require the Secretary of State to accept by electronic transmittal evidence of insurance for insured persons who are changing insurance carriers. The bill further proposed to amend the content of the notification of cancellation to require the name, address and date of birth of the insured or insureds of the motor vehicle, instead of the owner or owners.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-518), the committee majority report, proposed to remove language from the bill that amends the content of the notification of cancellation to require the name, address and date of birth of the insured or insureds of the motor vehicle instead of the owner or owners. It further proposed to require the Secretary of State to accept evidence of motor vehicle insurance for insured persons who are changing insurance carriers electronically as of January 1, 2007. It also proposed to add an appropriations and allocations section to the bill and remove the emergency clause and emergency preamble from the bill.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-519), the committee minority report, proposed to remove language from the bill that amends the content of the notification of cancellation to require the name, address and date of birth of the insured or insureds of the motor vehicle instead of the owner or owners. It also proposed to remove language from the bill that requires the Secretary of State to accept evidence of motor vehicle insurance for insured persons who are changing insurance carriers. It further proposed to add an appropriations and allocations section to the bill. This amendment was not adopted.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-389) proposed to remove the appropriations and allocations section from the amendment.

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Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 428 allows a 15-day reconciliation period at the Secretary of State's office to reconcile motor vehicle insurance cancellations with reinstatements and policies placed with a different company before the Secretary of State sends out a notification of suspension. The law further requires the Secretary of State to accept evidence of motor vehicle insurance for insured persons who are changing insurance carriers electronically as of January 1, 2007.

LD 650

An Act To Protect Maine's Groundfishing Industry

PUBLIC 260

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
STRIMLING MARLEY	OTP	

LD 650 proposed to clarify that a person who pays for fuel used in commercial groundfishing is eligible for a refund of the state taxes paid on that fuel, less the administrative fee of 1¢ per gallon.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 260 clarifies that a person who pays for fuel used in commercial groundfishing is eligible for a refund of the state taxes paid on that fuel, less the administrative fee of 1¢ per gallon.

LD 657

An Act To Amend the Axle Weight Laws

PUBLIC 426

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
THOMAS MARTIN	OTP-AM	H-459 S-390 DAMON

LD 657 proposed to require that for vehicle weight violations for vehicles for which the law provides a tolerance, the base on which the fine is calculated must be the actual weight plus the tolerance allowed.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-459) replaced the bill and proposed to amend the calculation of tandem axle weight fines for 6-axle trucks hauling special commodities to clarify that the lower fine applies. It also proposed to amend the axle weight fine schedules to eliminate relatively steep fine increases for smaller violations for trucks hauling forest products. The amendment further proposed to eliminate axle weight fine violations during the months of January and February on most state roads.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-390) proposed to repeal these provisions on September 15, 2007.

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Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 426 reduces the fines assessed for excessive axle weight violations by changing the methodology of fine calculations for certain 4-axle and 6-axle commercial vehicles and eliminates axle weight fine violations during the months of January and February on most state roads. The law repeals these provisions on September 15, 2007.

LD 690 **Resolve, Authorizing Relocation of a Certain Private Driveway on Route 26** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> STRIMLING	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 690 proposed to authorize the Department of Transportation to allow the relocation of a private driveway on a limited-access portion of Route 26.

LD 698 **An Act To Provide for the Temporary Suspension of the Tax on Motor Fuel** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> NASS R	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP MAJ OTP-AM MIN	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 698 proposed to suspend the tax imposed on internal combustion engine fuel and on special fuels if the retail price of those fuels exceeds by 50% or more the weekly average retail price of the fuel for the previous 52 weeks or calendar year. The bill also proposed to cap the inflation index on motor fuels at 2% annually.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-111), the committee minority report, proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

LD 712 **An Act To Reimburse the Town of St. Agatha and Other Towns in Category II for Costs Incurred in Erecting a Salt and Gravel Storage Shed as Mandated by the State** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PARADIS COWGER	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 712 proposed to allocate \$1,400,000 from the Highway Fund for the purpose of providing funds to municipalities for the construction of Priority 1 and Priority 2 sand and salt sheds.

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LD 729 **An Act To Clarify the City of Portland's Interest in the Maine State Pier** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DUDLEY STRIMLING		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 729 proposed to confirm the intent of the Legislature as shown in the Legislative Record and the deed from the Department of Transportation to the City of Portland dated February 1, 1982, whereby the State conveyed to the city all of the State's legal interest and rights in the Maine State Pier and the submerged lands associated with the pier.

LD 733 **An Act To Reward Veterans for Their Service** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LINDELL		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 733 proposed to allow an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces to receive one set of license plates for a noncommercial vehicle with a lifetime exemption from registration fees and excise taxes.

LD 735 **An Act To Clarify Registration for Noncommercial Trucks and Registration Requirements for Nonresidents** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAVIELLO		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 735 proposed to clarify that seasonal nonresident visitors to Maine who are domiciled in this State for less than 179 days are not required to register their vehicles in this State. The bill also proposed to remove the requirement that noncommercial trucks in excess of 6,000 pounds be registered as commercial vehicles.

LD 738 **An Act To Make Additional Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of State Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2005** **PUBLIC 37
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARLEY DAMON		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-46
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LD 738 proposed to do the following:

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Part A authorized certain transfers of excess equity of the State Retiree Health Insurance Fund to the General Fund Compensation and Benefit Plan account and Highway Fund Compensation and Benefit Plan account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and to the Highway Fund unallocated surplus and other funds or entities of origin.

Part B made allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-46) proposed to make certain reclassification adjustments.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 37 does the following.

Part A authorizes certain transfers of excess equity of the State Retiree Health Insurance Fund to the General Fund Compensation and Benefit Plan account and Highway Fund Compensation and Benefit Plan account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and to the Highway Fund unallocated surplus and other funds or entities of origin.

Part B makes allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Public Law 2005, chapter 37 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 1, 2005.

LD 739

An Act Making Unified 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, 2006 and June 30, 2007

**PUBLIC 36
EMERGENCY**

Sponsor(s)
MARLEY
DAMON

Committee Report
OTP-AM

Amendments Adopted
H-72

LD 739 proposed to do the following:

Part A made allocations of funds.

Part B adjusted allocations of funds representing reduction proposals or adjustments to current services.

Part C required the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Highway Fund from extending the amortization schedule of the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement System for fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07 that are identified in Part B, section 1.

Part D required the calculation and transfer of statewide savings and identification of position eliminations in the Highway Fund from the review of the current organizational structure, systems and operations of information technology units.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-72) replaced the bill and proposed to do the following:

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Part A made allocations of funds.

Part B adjusted allocations of funds representing reduction proposals or adjustments to current services.

Part C required the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Highway Fund from extending the amortization schedule of the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement System for fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07.

Part D required the calculation and transfer of statewide savings and identification of position eliminations in the Highway Fund from the review of the current organizational structure, systems and operations of information technology units.

Part E required the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Highway Fund from savings in the cost of health insurance for fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07.

Part F provided one-time funding to the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability for the review of departments and agencies that are funded by the Highway Fund.

Part G used \$2,000,000 of the anticipated \$8,150,000 increase in the funding of the Urban-Rural Initiative Program for funding municipal sand and salt storage facilities on a one-time basis for fiscal year 2005-06 and fiscal year 2006-07. This Part also directed the Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection, to investigate and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation whether environmental and health benefits of constructing some or all Priority 3 sand and salt storage facilities outweigh the cost of such construction.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-42) proposed to remove Part G of the committee amendment, which proposed to use \$2,000,000 from the Urban-Rural Initiative Program to fund municipal sand and salt storage facilities. (Not adopted)

Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-43) proposed to remove the emergency preamble and the emergency clause from the bill. (Not adopted)

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 36 does the following:

Part A makes allocations of funds.

Part B adjusts allocations of funds representing reduction proposals or adjustments to current services.

Part C requires the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Highway Fund from extending the amortization schedule of the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement System for fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07.

Part D requires the calculation and transfer of statewide savings and identification of position eliminations in the Highway Fund from the review of the current organizational structure, systems and operations of information technology units.

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Part E requires the calculation and transfer of statewide savings in the Highway Fund from savings in the cost of health insurance for fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07.

Part F provides one-time funding to the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability for the review of departments and agencies that are funded by the Highway Fund.

Part G uses \$2,000,000 of the anticipated \$8,150,000 increase in the funding of the Urban-Rural Initiative Program for funding municipal sand and salt storage facilities on a one-time basis for fiscal year 2005-06 and fiscal year 2006-07. This Part also directs the Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection, to investigate and submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation whether environmental and health benefits of constructing some or all Priority 3 sand and salt storage facilities outweigh the cost of such construction.

Public Law 2005, chapter 36 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 1, 2005.

LD 763

An Act Regarding the Collection, Use, Verification and Storage of Social Security Numbers

PUBLIC 250

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
JACOBSEN	ONTP MAJ	H-368
COURTNEY	OTP-AM MIN	

LD 763 proposed to require an applicant for a driver's license to provide proof of citizenship or documentation that the applicant is a legal resident in the United States. This bill also proposed to require the Secretary of State to notify the United States Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services if an applicant fails to provide such proof.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-368), the committee minority report, replaced the bill and proposed to require the Secretary of State to collect, store and verify the social security numbers of all applicants for driver's licenses or nondriver identification cards. The amendment also proposed to prohibit the Secretary of State from issuing a driver's license or nondriver identification card to a person who does not have a valid social security number unless the person provides written proof to the Secretary of State that the person is ineligible to receive a social security number.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 250 requires the Secretary of State to collect, store and verify the social security numbers of all applicants for driver's licenses or nondriver identification cards. The law also prohibits the Secretary of State from issuing a driver's license or nondriver identification card to a person who does not have a valid social security number unless the person provides written proof to the Secretary of State that the person is ineligible to receive a social security number.

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LD 774 **Resolve, To Require the Department of Transportation To Put a Bicycle Lane on Route 5 in Waterboro** **ONTP**

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

LD 774 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to install a bicycle lane on Route 5 in Waterboro extending from Route 202 in East Waterboro to the Chadbourne Ridge Road in North Waterboro.

LD 814 **Resolve, To Require the Department of Transportation To Use Adjustable Warning Signs** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SNOWE-MELLO	ONTP	

LD 814 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to institute the use of adjustable warning signs that have changeable messages of "SLOW" and "STOP" at road construction sites.

LD 821 **Resolve, To Continue Efforts of the Department of Transportation To Balance Public Safety and Access to Land by Landowners** **RESOLVE 23**

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

LD 821 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to continue to hold hearings on Chapter 299: Highway Driveway and Entrance Rules, Parts A and B as authorized by Resolve 2001, chapter 46.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 23 directs the Department of Transportation to continue to hold public hearings on Chapter 299: Highway Driveway and Entrance Rules, Parts A and B as authorized by Resolve 2001, chapter 46.

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LD 823 **Resolve, To Allow for Seasonal Commercial Vehicle Registration** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> THOMPSON SNOWE-MELLO		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 823 proposed to direct the Secretary of State to establish a new commercial vehicle registration class for seasonal commercial vehicles, so that seasonal registrations can be suspended for a period of time without penalty and resumed within the year.

LD 831 **An Act To Clarify the Law Relating to Motor Vehicle Repair Posters** **PUBLIC 189**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MCKENNEY		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-249
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LD 831 proposed to require that motor vehicle repair facilities provide notice that a fee for shop supplies is being charged if the repair facility charges a separate line item for shop supplies. It also proposed to permit a repair facility to bill shop supplies as a percentage of labor or by other calculation as a single line item and would require the repair facility to explain shop supplies upon request.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-249) replaced the bill and proposed to clarify that a repair facility must provide notice that a fee for shop supplies is being charged if the repair facility charges a separate line item for shop supplies. The amendment also proposed to require repair facilities to provide notice that the repair facility used the same labor rate method in estimates and charges to customers. The amendment further proposed to repeal a provision of law that requires a motor vehicle repair notice to include information on the National Automobile Dealer's Association Official Used Car Guide New England Edition.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 189 clarifies that a repair facility must provide notice that a fee for shop supplies is being charged if the repair facility charges a separate line item for shop supplies. The law requires repair facilities to provide notice that the repair facility used the same labor rate method in estimates and charges to customers. It also repeals a provision of law that requires a motor vehicle repair notice to include information on the National Automobile Dealer's Association Official Used Car Guide New England Edition.

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LD 833

An Act To Promote Safe Routes to School

ONTP

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

LD 833 proposed to do the following:

1. Require a motor vehicle operator to obey hand signals and hand-held traffic control devices used by a school crossing guard, a law enforcement officer or any person authorized to direct traffic;
2. Double the fines of various traffic violations if the violations are committed in a school zone or within 100 feet of a school bus with activated flashing lights, with half of the fine going into the School Zone Safety Fund, established to promote school zone safety and fund school zone safety projects;
3. Give school crossing guards and other persons authorized to direct traffic the authority to report violations in a school zone or within 100 feet of a school bus with activated flashing lights;
4. Impose the same liability on owners of vehicles that are reported to have committed a violation in a school zone or within 100 feet of a school bus with activated flashing lights as on owners of vehicles reported to have illegally passed a school bus.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-250), the committee minority report, proposed to add an appropriations and allocations section to the bill. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 850

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Use Composite Manufactured Materials

ONTP

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

LD 850 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to use composite manufactured materials developed by the University of Maine's Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center in a portion of its construction relating to roads and bridges.

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LD 899 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Erect Signs on the Maine Turnpike Directing Motorists to "Historic Downtown Saco"** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HOBBINS VALENTINO		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 899 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to erect directional signs on the Maine Turnpike directing motorists to historic downtown Saco.

LD 911 **An Act To Honor Air Force Veterans** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BARSTOW SAVAGE		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 911 proposed to authorize the Secretary of State to issue Air Medal decals for use on special veterans motor vehicle registration plates.

LD 915 **An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Habitual Offender Law** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CLARK		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 915, a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposed to amend the motor vehicle habitual offender law under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 2551 to allow an offender to receive a conditional license for work purposes after 6 months of suspension if some of the underlying offenses are minor offenses.

LD 930 **An Act To Amend the Procedure for Election of the Casco Bay Island Transit District Board** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARLEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 930 proposed, beginning in 2006, to require the direct election of each of the directors of the Casco Bay Island Transit District by the voters of the island on which the director is required to reside or own property; only voters of the island that the director represents may vote for or against that director. The bill also proposed to continue to require the 2 at-large directors to be elected by all the voters of the 6 islands.

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LD 947 **An Act To Clarify the Laws Regarding Motor Vehicle Title Applications** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MAYO MARLEY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 947, a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposed to clarify the laws regarding motor vehicle title applications.

LD 960 **Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of Off-road Bike and Walking Paths along the Busiest Commuting Corridors of the State** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> WOODBURY		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 960 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to conduct a study on the feasibility, benefits and cost of constructing a network of off-road bike and walking paths along the commuting corridors with the highest volume of traffic in the State.

LD 1038 **An Act To Improve Landowners' Access to Their Land** **PUBLIC 188**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MAYO		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-145
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LD 1038 proposed to require the Department of Transportation to waive certain requirements in rule and issue a permit for a driveway when no other location exists for vehicular access to a property.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-145), the committee majority report, proposed to clarify that the Department of Transportation may waive certain requirements in rule and issue a permit for a driveway when no other location exists for vehicular access to a property unless it is determined inconsistent with access management safety standards.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 188 clarifies that the Department of Transportation may waive certain requirements in rule and issue a permit for a driveway when no other location exists for vehicular access to a property unless it is determined inconsistent with access management safety standards.

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LD 1069 **An Act To Exempt the Transportation of Products Essential for Agricultural Operations from Certain Restrictions Posted on Roads** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PIOTTI NUTTING J	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1069 proposed to exempt vehicles delivering supplies or products necessary for an agricultural operation from restrictions placed on roads concerning weight, speed, operation and equipment during certain periods of the year.

LD 1077 **An Act To Allow Accent Lighting on Motor Vehicles** **PUBLIC 183**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAMPSON DAMON	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-290
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LD 1077 proposed to allow optional accent lighting on motor vehicles that conforms to federal regulations and does not create a safety hazard.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-290) replaced the bill and proposed to allow for auxiliary lights on the exterior of motor vehicles that conform to statutory requirements regarding size, color, visibility and location. The amendment also proposed to permit blue interior lighting on motor vehicles.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 183 allows for auxiliary lights on the exterior of motor vehicles that conform to statutory requirements regarding size, color, visibility and location. The law also permits blue interior lighting on motor vehicles.

LD 1082 **An Act To Prohibit Passing in Designated No-passing Zones** **PUBLIC 141**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> CARR DAVIS P	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-209
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LD 1082 proposed to prohibit passing a vehicle when the road is painted with an unbroken center line or an unbroken line in the operator's lane.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-209) proposed to clarify that the placing of highway markings on a roadway is prima facie evidence that the markings have been placed by the official act or direction of lawful authority.

Enacted law summary

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Public Law 2005, chapter 141 prohibits passing a vehicle when the road is painted with an unbroken center line or an unbroken line in the operator's lane. The law also clarifies that the placing of highway markings on a roadway is prima facie evidence that the markings have been placed by the official act or direction of lawful authority.

LD 1119 **Resolve, To Examine Driver's License Fees** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BARSTOW		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1119 proposed to direct the Secretary of State to examine driver's license fees in this State and the time periods in which a license is valid and compare it to other states. If the secretary's examination finds that the levels and time periods are not comparable to the levels and time periods in other states, the bill proposed to authorize the secretary to make adjustments.

LD 1122 **Resolve, To Establish the Wabanaki Trail** **RESOLVE 42**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LORING MITCHELL		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-262
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LD 1122 proposed to establish a task force consisting of the Department of Economic and Community Development and its Office of Tourism, the Department of Transportation and the University of Maine System in conjunction with the Penobscot Nation to jointly develop the Wabanaki Trail, including designating roads, routes and points of interest, creating signage and creating maps that include old canoe trails on waterways.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-262) proposed to clarify that the task force shall create web-based maps. The amendment also proposed to strike language from the bill authorizing the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 42 establishes a task force consisting of the Department of Economic and Community Development and its Office of Tourism, the Department of Transportation and the University of Maine System in conjunction with the Penobscot Nation to jointly develop the Wabanaki Trail, including designating roads, routes and points of interest, creating signage and creating web-based maps that include old canoe trails on waterways.

LD 1124 **An Act To Allow the Secretary of State To Review License Suspensions** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> HOBBINS		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1124 proposed to allow a person who received a driver's license suspension of more than 18 months to petition the Secretary of State for reinstatement after 18 months of the suspension. The bill proposed to authorize the Secretary of State to reinstate the license of the petitioner if the Secretary of State finds extraordinary circumstances justifying the reinstatement. The bill would not apply to suspensions directly ordered by the Secretary of State.

LD 1129 An Act To Protect Young Drivers DIED BETWEEN HOUSES

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAMON	OTP-AM MAJ	S-144
PARADIS	ONTP MIN	

LD 1129 proposed to prohibit a person who is operating a motor vehicle under the terms and conditions of a juvenile provisional license from operating that vehicle if it is equipped with or contains a radar detector. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-144)**, the committee majority report, replaced the bill and proposed to prohibit a person under 18 years of age who is operating a motor vehicle under the terms and conditions of an intermediate license from operating that vehicle if it is equipped with or contains a radar detector. This amendment was not adopted.

LD 1146 An Act Regarding the Fines Imposed on Overweight Vehicles ONTP

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

LD 1146 proposed to eliminate the imposition of fines on overweight vehicles from December 1st to April 15th.

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LD 1148 **An Act To Recognize the Recipients of the Korea Defense Service Medal** **PUBLIC 420**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> BROWN EDMONDS		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1148 proposed to add the Korea Defense Service Medal to the list of special commemorative decals for medals awarded that can be used with special veterans registration plates.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-248) proposed to add an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 420 adds the Korea Defense Service Medal to the list of special commemorative decals for medals awarded that can be used with special veterans registration plates.

LD 1159 **An Act To Promote Transportation Investments within Downtowns and Urban Compacts** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> FISHER DAMON		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1159, a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208, proposes to do the following:

1. It would apply to development projects that generate more than 100 passenger car equivalents at the peak hour that are located in:
 - A. An area designated as a growth management area in a local growth management plan that has been found by the State to be consistent with the growth management program;
 - B. The compact area of an urban compact municipality; or
 - C. A downtown as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5222, subsection 8.

The Department of Transportation would be required to match each dollar a municipality raises through the assessment of taxes on the real and personal property value created by the project through tax increment financing if the proceeds of that assessment are expended to make transportation improvements that are eligible for Highway Fund participation and will improve the level of service or substandard conditions. No state funds may be used to relieve the developer of financial obligations under a traffic movement permit approved by the Department of Transportation. Fifty percent of the unallocated surplus in the Highway Fund at the end of each fiscal year must be set aside in a nonlapsing account to support this provision, but such account may not exceed \$10,000,000. In addition, if the above circumstances are met, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services would also be required to match each dollar raised through municipal

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tax increment financing with the eligible expenditure of those funds being for transportation improvements or related utility and storm water improvements. The department's contribution would be financed and limited by a defined portion of the state tax increment of net new sales and income taxes generated by the development project.

2. It would provide that for such development projects, the Department of Transportation is authorized to use federal advance construction support with the up-front financing provided through private or municipal capital. The department would be authorized to apply funds required to be expended by the developer as a condition of a traffic movement permit to match federal funds and finance debt to support advance construction as long as the department uses those funds to complete a project that includes the improvements the developer is required to make under the traffic movement permit. The department would also be authorized to apply the proceeds of tax increment financing derived from the development project to match federal funds or support debt to finance the cost of advance construction.
3. It would provide a process for municipalities to build roads without federal or state financial participation that could be purchased by the State or assumed for maintenance responsibilities if the road meets state design standards and criteria for classification as a major collector or arterial highway.
4. It would provide a new structure for assessing traffic impact fees on a regional basis that would be expended to address deficiencies inside growth management areas, urban compacts or downtowns caused in part by through traffic generated on a regional basis.

LD 1163

An Act To Amend the Laws Regulating Custom Vehicles

PUBLIC 321

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TRAHAN		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM		<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-517
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LD 1163 proposed to define the terms "blue dot taillight," "custom vehicle" and "street rod," repeal the existing standards for street rods and establish registration, certification, title, safety and inspection requirements for street rods and custom vehicles.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-517) replaced the bill and proposed to define the term "custom vehicle" and establish registration and safety inspection requirements for custom vehicles. It also proposed to require the Chief of the State Police to convene a committee of interested parties to provide advice and technical assistance regarding custom vehicles and recommendations on potential inspection standards and procedures. It would further require the committee to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than February 1, 2006 with any findings and recommendations.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 321 defines the term "custom vehicle" and establishes registration and safety inspection requirements for custom vehicles. It also requires the Chief of the State Police to convene a committee of interested parties to provide advice and technical assistance regarding custom vehicles and recommendations on potential inspection standards and procedures. It further requires the committee to report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than February 1, 2006 with any findings and recommendations.

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LD 1201 **Resolve, Authorizing a Review of Inspection Requirements for Vehicles with Aftermarket Modifications** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PERRY J		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1201 proposed to direct the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Chief of the State Police to review existing inspection requirements for vehicles that have been equipped with aftermarket modifications.

LD 1211 **An Act To Permit the Expanded Use of Changeable Signs for Governmental Entities and Public Facilities** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAMPSON SCHNEIDER		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1211 proposed to add civic, conference, convention and athletic facilities to the list of organizations that can erect and maintain signs without having to obtain a license or permit. The bill also proposed to exempt these organizations from the 20-minute time limit on changeable message signs.

LD 1217 **An Act To Permit the Stopping of Traffic by Charitable Nonprofit Organizations for Certain Fund-raising Projects** **PUBLIC 106**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MILLETT NASS R		<u>Committee Report</u> OTP MAJ ONTP MIN		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1217 proposed to exempt a charitable nonprofit organization incorporated in or recognized by the State from the laws prohibiting the stopping of traffic by hawkers and vendors if the organization receives municipal and local law enforcement authorization for an event or project.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 106 exempts a charitable nonprofit organization incorporated in or recognized by the State from the laws prohibiting the stopping of traffic by hawkers and vendors if the organization receives municipal and local law enforcement authorization for an event or project.

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LD 1233

An Act To Reorganize the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

ONTP

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

LD 1233 proposed to do the following:

1. Require the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority to seek and use such funds as are necessary to extend the current Downeaster passenger rail service northward from Portland to Brunswick, with this extension, as well as connecting service to Rockland, to be in operation no later than January 1, 2007;
2. Increase the size of the board of directors of the authority from 5 members to 7 members, with one of the additional members being the Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee and the other additional member being appointed to represent a passenger rail advocacy organization by the Governor;
3. Provide that any replacements for the current 5 members of the authority's board of directors, and any further replacements for those directors, are to be appointed by the Governor and subject to approval of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters; and
4. Provide that, after July 1, 2006, the authority may not employ any person or hire any consultants or others, but that, instead, on and after that date, the Department of Transportation shall provide all persons, consultants and others as the authority and the department jointly determine necessary to carry out the purposes of the authority.

LD 1280

Resolve, To Name the New Augusta Bridge

RESOLVE 22

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
LERMAN MITCHELL	OTP	

LD 1280 proposed to establish the Augusta Bridge Naming Committee, composed of the Augusta legislative delegation, the mayor and 3 city councilors of Augusta and a resident of Kennebec County. It would require the committee to propose a name for the new Augusta bridge that crosses the Kennebec River north of the Father Curran Bridge to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than December 7, 2005.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 22 establishes the Augusta Bridge Naming Committee, composed of the Augusta legislative delegation, the mayor and 3 city councilors of Augusta and a resident of Kennebec County. The law requires the committee to propose a name for the new Augusta bridge that crosses the Kennebec River north of the Father Curran Bridge to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation no later than December 7, 2005.

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LD 1333 **Resolve, To Require the Department of Transportation To Improve Highway Signs in the Greater Augusta Area** **ONTP**

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

LD 1337 **An Act To Allow Firefighters and Emergency Service Personnel To Direct Traffic** **PUBLIC 167**

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

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

Enacted law summary

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

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LD 1341

An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

PUBLIC 314

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> DAMON MARLEY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-255
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LD 1341 proposed to amend the motor vehicle laws as follows:

1. It proposed to amend the definition of altered vehicle by deleting the language limiting altered vehicles to those motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.
2. It proposed to amend the definition of an antique vehicle so that an antique vehicle cannot be an altered vehicle.
3. It proposed to expand the partial inspection requirements for a farm truck to include safety glass.
4. It proposed to expand the partial inspection requirements for a fish truck to include safety glass and tires.
5. It proposed to repeal language that establishes a fee and standards for modified show vehicles.
6. It proposed to insert language that was inadvertently repealed during the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature making it a traffic infraction to operate a motor vehicle for the first 90 days with an expired Maine license.
7. It proposed to require that vehicles registered in this State displaying a valid certificate of inspection from another state be inspected one year after the date of that inspection rather than by the certificate's inspection date.
8. It proposed to amend the commercial motor vehicle inspection requirements.
9. It proposed to require trailers and semitrailers to be equipped with 2 rear lights.
10. It proposed to allow for an exception to the speed rating requirements for tires.
11. It proposed to repeal language requiring the Chief of State Police to maintain a paper record of each commercial vehicle stopped and required to be weighed.
12. It proposed to require overwidth mowers and light farm vehicles and equipment moving on a highway at night to display clearance lights or reflectors.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-255) proposed to do the following.

1. It proposed to remove language that amends the definition of altered vehicle to include motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or more.
2. It proposed to remove language that amends the commercial motor vehicle inspection requirements.
3. It proposed to remove language that allows for an exception to the speed and load rating requirements for tires.

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4. It proposed to clarify that a person who is served with a Violation Summons and Complaint for operating a motor vehicle with an inadequate or amplified muffler or exhaust system must provide satisfactory evidence that the muffler or exhaust system does not emit a noise in excess of 95 decibels.
5. It proposed to remove language that requires a vehicle used for plowing snow on private ways to be equipped with and use a rotary flashing light when entering a public way while engaged in a plowing activity.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 314 amends the motor vehicle laws as follows:

1. It amends the definition of an antique vehicle so that an antique vehicle cannot be an altered vehicle.
2. It expands the partial inspection requirements for a farm truck to include safety glass.
3. It expands the partial inspection requirements for a fish truck to include safety glass and tires.
4. It repeals language that establishes a fee and standards for modified show vehicles.
5. It inserts language that was inadvertently repealed during the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature making it a traffic infraction to operate a motor vehicle for the first 90 days with an expired Maine license.
6. It requires that vehicles registered in this State displaying a valid certificate of inspection from another state be inspected one year after the date of that inspection rather than by the certificate's inspection date.
7. It requires trailers and semitrailers to be equipped with 2 rear lights.
8. It repeals language requiring the Chief of State Police to maintain a paper record of each commercial vehicle stopped and required to be weighed.
9. It requires overwidth mowers and light farm vehicles and equipment moving on a highway at night to display clearance lights or reflectors.
10. It clarifies that a person who is served with a Violation Summons and Complaint for operating a motor vehicle with an inadequate or amplified muffler or exhaust system must provide satisfactory evidence that the muffler or exhaust system does not emit a noise in excess of 95 decibels.
11. It removes language that requires a vehicle used for plowing snow on private ways to be equipped with and use a rotary flashing light when entering a public way while engaged in a plowing activity.

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LD 1363

An Act To Make Supplemental Highway Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007

**PUBLIC 405
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> MARLEY DAMON	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-663
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LD 1363 proposed to do the following:

Part A proposed to make supplemental allocations for fiscal years 2005-06 and 2006-07.

Part B proposed to make allocations of funds for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C proposed to make the following changes to Department of Transportation programs:

1. It would eliminate the Collector Road Improvement Fund.
2. It would authorize the transfer of any remaining Highway Fund balances in the Collector Road Program at the end of fiscal year 2004-05 to the Highway and Bridge Improvement program as a result of merging the Collector Road Program into the Highway and Bridge Improvement program.
3. It would authorize the transfer of any remaining Highway Fund balances in the Traffic Services program and the Bridge Maintenance program at the end of fiscal year 2004-05 to the Highway Maintenance program as a result of merging the Traffic Services program and Bridge Maintenance program into the Highway Maintenance program.
4. It would change the name of the Motor Transport Services program to Fleet Services.
5. It would change the name of the Highway Maintenance program to Maintenance and Operations.
6. It would change the name of the Administration and Planning program to Administration.
7. It would change the name of the Transportation Services program to Public Transportation.

Part D proposed to provide for a Maine National Guard specialty license plate.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-663) replaced the bill and proposed to do the following:

Part A proposed to make allocations of funds.

Part B proposed to make allocations for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C proposed to make various statutory changes necessary to complete a financial reorganization of the Department of Transportation.

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Part D proposed to make changes to accomplish range changes for the Chief of the State Police and Deputy Chief of the State Police.

Part E proposed to deallocate funds for the Department of Transportation.

Part F proposed to authorize the transfer of the unallocated balance of the Highway Fund at the end of fiscal year 2004-05 to the Department of Transportation for capital program needs.

Part G proposed to expand the use of the state infrastructure bank within the Department of Transportation to allow revolving loans to be made to state agencies, quasi-state government agencies and public and private utility districts.

Part H proposed to establish the funding ratio for the radio network debt service in fiscal year 2007-08.

Part I proposed to establish a certain amount of nonlapsing funds for the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles at the end of fiscal year 2004-05 and allows the transfer of those funds from Personal Services to All Other.

Part J proposed to allocate funds for the Department of Transportation crew reclassification.

Part K proposed to establish that the City of Portland is required to designate a light rail commuter corridor.

Part L proposed to deallocate funds for the State Police program within the Department of Public Safety.

Part M proposed to allocate funds for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Transportation.

Part N proposed to establish that a sportsman registration plate may not be issued until certain financial requirements are met.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-364) proposed to repeal the laws that provide for the adjustment for inflation of the excise tax on internal combustion engine fuel and distillates effective January 1, 2007. This amendment was not adopted.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 405 does the following:

Part A makes allocations of funds.

Part B makes allocations for approved reclassifications and range changes.

Part C makes various statutory changes necessary to complete a financial reorganization of the Department of Transportation.

Part D makes changes to accomplish range changes for the Chief of the State Police and Deputy Chief of the State Police.

Part E deallocates funds for the Department of Transportation.

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Part F authorizes the transfer of the unallocated balance of the Highway Fund at the end of fiscal year 2004-05 to the Department of Transportation for capital program needs.

Part G expands the use of the state infrastructure bank within the Department of Transportation to allow revolving loans to be made to state agencies, quasi-state government agencies and public and private utility districts.

Part H establishes the funding ratio for the radio network debt service in fiscal year 2007-08.

Part I establishes a certain amount of nonlapsing funds for the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles at the end of fiscal year 2004-05 and allows the transfer of those funds from Personal Services to All Other.

Part J allocates funds for the Department of Transportation crew reclassification.

Part K establishes that the City of Portland is required to designate a light rail commuter corridor.

Part L deallocates funds for the State Police program within the Department of Public Safety.

Part M allocates funds for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Transportation.

Part N establishes that a sportsman registration plate may not be issued until certain financial requirements are met.

Public Law 2005, chapter 405 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 17, 2005.

LD 1396 **An Act To Create a Specialty License Plate for Members of the
Maine National Guard** **CARRIED OVER**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> PLOWMAN		<u>Committee Report</u>		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1396 proposes to authorize the issuance of a special registration plate for past and present members of the Maine National Guard that will help fund the Maine Military Family Relief Fund.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 1429 **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Size, Placement and
Use of Certain On-premises Signs** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> LERMAN		<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP		<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1429 proposed to change the placement, size and height restrictions on certain freestanding, on-premise signs viewed from a controlled highway. This bill also proposed to eliminate restrictions on changeable signs.

LD 1430 **An Act To Establish Special License Plates To Honor Maine Residents Serving Overseas** **CARRIED OVER**

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

LD 1430 proposes to authorize the issuance of a special registration plate for any service member in Maine who has served on or after September 11, 2001 that will help fund a special fund to assist family members of those serving overseas. The bill also proposes to authorize the issuance of a second special registration plate for those supporting our troops, with funds also going to a special fund to assist family members of those serving overseas. The bill further proposes to direct the Secretary of State to copyright the design of these plates and offer the designs to other states for a fee.

This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 1453 **Resolve, To Improve Public Safety, Enhance Local Communities and Reduce Transportation Expenses** **ONTP**

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

LD 1453 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to establish a committee within the department to develop a management plan for heavyweight trucks traveling on Maine roads north of Augusta due to the 80,000-pound weight limit on Interstate 95.

LD 1463 **An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws** **PUBLIC 433
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARLEY DAMON	OTP-AM	H-600

LD 1463 proposed to do the following:

1. Make technical changes to the Medical Advisory Board;
2. Clarify that the definition of "immediate family member" includes stepgrandparent, stepbrother, stepsister and stepchild;

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3. Eliminate the current reactivation fee of \$10 for registrants who voluntarily surrender or cancel their vehicle registrations;
4. Require that registrants under the 8-year and 12-year semipermanent registration program register a minimum of 5 trailers;
5. Allow for the issuance of vanity firefighter plates and clarify the definition of eligible individuals;
6. Make violation of the vehicle title bond requirements under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 659 a traffic infraction in conformance with the definition and penalty applied for such infractions by the courts;
7. Exempt vehicles that are not self-propelled and vehicles 10 years or older from the requirement that the vehicle's odometer reading be disclosed at the time the vehicle is transferred to maintain consistency with federal law;
8. Exempt vehicle dealers that primarily sell vehicles more than 15 years old from selling more than one vehicle per month in order to qualify for renewal of dealer plates;
9. Exempt a vehicle dealer from state dealer licensing requirements if the dealer is licensed by another jurisdiction and sells vehicles only to licensed dealers in Maine;
10. Require that all vehicles that have service vehicle plates attached to have the name of the licensed dealership on the sides of the vehicle;
11. Change odometer fraud from a Class D to a Class C crime;
12. Make operating a motor vehicle on Pickerel Pond a traffic infraction to maintain consistency in the designation of offenses in the motor vehicle laws;
13. Amend the definition of "school bus" to ensure that Maine is in conformance with federal law; and
14. Allow the Secretary of State to suspend a registration if the registrant fails to provide information on the registration application as required under Title 29-A, section 401.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-600) proposed to do the following:

1. Add an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill;
2. Remove language from the bill that requires registrants under the 8-year and 12-year semipermanent registration program to register a minimum of 5 trailers;
3. Remove language from the bill that would allow the issuance of vanity firefighter plates;
4. Clarify that the definition of "school bus" does not include a private school activity bus;
5. Expand insurance fraud reporting immunity protection to state law enforcement officers;

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6. Authorize the Secretary of State to issue special commemorative decals for use with special veterans registration plates to applicants awarded the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal;
7. Require the State to comply with applicable federal laws governing commercial driver's licenses;
8. Require a person electing to pay a driver's license reinstatement fee electronically to pay the fee associated with the electronic transmittal;
9. Authorize the Secretary of State to provide a copy of a driving history covering more than 3 years for a fee of \$10;
10. Create fines for a new resident who fails to register a motor vehicle within 30 days of establishing residency;
11. Prohibit a person with a juvenile provisional license from operating a motor vehicle with any amount of alcohol in the blood;
12. Define "access aisle" and prohibits a person from parking in the access aisle; and
13. Clarify that a vehicle operating under the provisions of an overweight permit is not subject to the tire width requirement of 600 pounds per inch of tire width.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 433 does the following:

1. It makes technical changes to the Medical Advisory Board;
2. It clarifies that the definition of "immediate family member" includes stepgrandparent, stepbrother, stepsister and stepchild;
3. It eliminates the current \$10 reactivation fee for registrants who voluntarily surrender or cancel their vehicle registrations;
4. It makes a violation of the vehicle title bond requirements under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 659 a traffic infraction in conformance with the definition and penalty applied for such infractions by the courts;
5. It exempts vehicles that are not self-propelled and vehicles 10 years or older from the requirement that the vehicle's odometer reading be disclosed at the time the vehicle is transferred to maintain consistency with federal law;
6. It exempts vehicle dealers that primarily sell vehicles more than 15 years old from selling more than one vehicle per month in order to qualify for renewal of dealer plates;
7. It exempts a vehicle dealer from state dealer licensing requirements if the dealer is licensed by another jurisdiction and sells vehicles only to licensed dealers in Maine;

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8. It requires that all vehicles that have service vehicle plates attached to have the name of the licensed dealership on the sides of the vehicle;
9. It changes odometer fraud from a Class D to a Class C crime;
10. It makes operating a motor vehicle on Pickerel Pond a traffic infraction to maintain consistency in the designation of offenses in the motor vehicle laws;
11. It amends the definition of "school bus" to ensure that Maine is in conformance with federal law, while clarifying that the definition of "school bus" does not include a private school activity bus;
12. It allows the Secretary of State to suspend a registration if the registrant fails to provide information on the registration application as required under Title 29-A, section 401;
13. It expands insurance fraud reporting immunity protection to state law enforcement officers;
14. It authorizes the Secretary of State to issue special commemorative decals for use with special veterans registration plates to applicants awarded the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal;
15. It requires the State to comply with applicable federal laws governing commercial driver's licenses;
16. It requires a person electing to pay a driver's license reinstatement fee electronically to pay the fee associated with the electronic transmittal;
17. It authorizes the Secretary of State to provide a copy of a driving history covering more than 3 years for a fee of \$10;
18. It creates fines for a new resident who fails to register a motor vehicle within 30 days of establishing residency;
19. It prohibits a person with a juvenile provisional license from operating a motor vehicle with any amount of alcohol in the blood;
20. It defines "access aisle" and prohibits a person from parking in the access aisle; and
21. It clarifies that a vehicle operating under the provisions of an overweight permit is not subject to the tire width requirement of 600 pounds per inch of tire width.

Public Law 2005, chapter 433 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 23, 2005.

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LD 1464

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

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
SAMPSON SAVAGE		H-626

LD 1464 proposes to amend current law regarding 2-wheeled and 3-wheeled vehicles and off-road vehicles as follows:

1. It amends the definition of "moped" by establishing criteria for wheel number and size and electric-powered motors;
2. It repeals the definition of "motorcycle" and replaces it with a definition that establishes criteria for wheels and electric-powered motors;
3. It repeals the definition of "motor-driven cycles";
4. It amends the definition of "motorized scooter" by establishing criteria for wheel number and size and electric-powered motors;
5. It defines the term "off-road vehicle" and prohibits the operation of an off-road vehicle on a public way unless operation is authorized by statute;
6. It amends the definition of "scooter" by excluding scooters that are powered by motors;
7. It enacts a provision that off-road vehicles may not be registered under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A;
8. It removes references in Title 29-A to motor-driven cycles;
9. It eliminates the requirement that businesses that sell motor-driven cycles be licensed as motor vehicle dealers;
10. It removes a reference to motorized scooter under vehicles that are regulated as bicycles or toy vehicles;
11. It establishes a provision to treat off-road vehicles operated on ways the same as all-terrain vehicles operated on ways; and
12. It establishes a provision to make it a traffic infraction to operate an off-road vehicle on a public way or parking area.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-626) proposes to amend the definitions of "motorcycle" and "moped" to include criteria for wheel size and electric powered motors. It also proposes to clarify that the definition of a motor vehicle does not include an all-terrain vehicle unless the all-terrain vehicle is issued a special registration permit in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 501. It further proposes to clarify that an all-terrain vehicle is not subject to licensing provisions under Title 29-A, chapter 11 unless the all-terrain vehicle is issued a special registration permit in accordance with Title 29-A, section 501.

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This bill was carried over by H.P. 1203 to any special or regular session of the 122nd Legislature.

LD 1544 **An Act To Exempt Vehicles Hauling Equipment Used for Timber Harvesting from Certain Restrictions Posted on Roads** **ONTP**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> JACKSON BRYANT B	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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LD 1544 proposed to exempt vehicles used in Aroostook County, Piscataquis County, Somerset County, Washington County, Oxford County and Franklin County for the trucking of equipment used in timber harvesting operations from restrictions placed on roads concerning weight, speed, operation and equipment on weekends during the months of June through August.

LD 1571 **An Act To Allow Certain Modifications of Motor Vehicles** **PUBLIC 276**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COLLINS DOW	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-457
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LD 1571 proposed to provide that a vehicle with or without antilock brakes may be modified, including the installation of larger tires, with proof of an electronic control module or electronic control unit reprogramming or recalibration, when applicable. This bill also proposed to permit the installation of vehicle-specific engineered systems and components.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-457) replaced the bill and proposed to provide that a motor vehicle may be modified, including the suspension and tires.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 276 provides that a motor vehicle may be modified, including the suspension and tires. The law also clarifies that a motor vehicle may not be operated on a public way or receive a certificate of inspection with a frame end height lower than the vehicle was originally manufactured if originally manufactured to be less than 10 inches.

LD 1576 **An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws Relating to the Assignment of Security Interests** **PUBLIC 234
EMERGENCY**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> SAVAGE	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> S-185
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LD 1576 proposed to provide an exemption to the requirements that a lienholder who assigns a security interest in a motor vehicle must notify the Secretary of State and have a certificate of title issued with the assignee named as lienholder for a lienholder who assigns a security interest if the lienholder retains the obligation to perform servicing functions in connection with the security interest.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-185) proposed to clarify that the definition of "servicing functions" includes the requirement that the lienholder named on the title retain possession of the title certificate.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 234 provides an exemption to the requirements that a lienholder who assigns a security interest in a motor vehicle must notify the Secretary of State and have a certificate of title issued with the assignee named as lienholder for a lienholder who assigns a security interest if the lienholder retains the obligation to perform servicing functions in connection with the security interest.

Public Law 2005, chapter 234 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 25, 2005.

LD 1583 **Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Strengthen Guardrails on Old County Road in Rockland and Thomaston** **RESOLVE 48**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MAZUREK SAVAGE	OTP	

LD 1583 proposed to direct the Department of Transportation to inspect the guardrails on Old County Road in Rockland and Thomaston and to take action necessary to ensure they meet current safety standards.

Enacted law summary

Resolve 2005, chapter 48 directs the Department of Transportation to inspect the guardrails on Old County Road in Rockland and Thomaston and to take action necessary to ensure they meet current safety standards.

LD 1623 **An Act To Require the Inspection of All Commercial Trailers at Time of Sale** **ONTP**

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

LD 1623 proposed to require that at the time of purchase a trailer or semitrailer must have a valid inspection sticker, or the buyer must be given notice by the seller that the trailer or semitrailer needs to be inspected.

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LD 1650

An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief by Requiring the State To Maintain and Repair All Bridges in Maine

ONTP

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

LD 1650 proposed to require the State to construct, improve and maintain all bridges in Maine, regardless of the size of the bridge or whether the bridge is located on a state, state aid or local road.

LD 1662

An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Department of Transportation's Contracting Authority

PUBLIC 313

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MARLEY DAMON	OTP	

LD 1662 proposed to clarify the Department of Transportation's authority to procure and let contracts for transportation-related services and contracts for construction and maintenance. It would clarify that the department may let contracts relating to all modes of transportation and confirm that the department may purchase supplies, materials and equipment necessary for project-specific maintenance activities. The bill also proposed to confirm that the department may maintain qualifications and performance data for consultants and may prequalify bidders.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 2005, chapter 313 clarifies the Department of Transportation's authority to procure and let contracts for transportation-related services and contracts for construction and maintenance. It clarifies that the department may let contracts relating to all modes of transportation and confirms that the department may purchase supplies, materials and equipment necessary for project-specific maintenance activities. This law also confirms that the department may maintain qualifications and performance data for consultants and may prequalify bidders.