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## STATE OF MAINE

## ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

## TRANSPORTATION

## BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES MAY 1986

This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

Ought to Pass OTP Ought to Pass in New Draft OTP-ND Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title OTP-ND-NT Ought to Pass as Amended OTP-AM Ought Not to Pass ONTP Leave to Withdraw LVWD Indefinitely Postponed INDEF PP

LDAN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE 1866 DIVISION TO PURCHASE AND MAINTAIN SOFTWARE EQUIPMENT INDEPENDENT OF ANY OTHER PROVIDER AND

INDEF PP SEE LD 2346

c. 610

RELATED HARDWARE

Sponsor: STROUT, Theriault, Macombere, Callahan

Committee Report: OTP-AM

H-576 CA H-594 THERIAULT S H

SUMMARY: This bill would have allowed the Division of Motor Vehicles to purchase and maintain its own central computer system. This measure was indefinitely postponed, but the legislative intent was transferred to L.D. 2346 which was approved and signed by the Governor. A total of \$1.3 million was authorized to be spent for this purpose.

LDAN ACT TO ESTABLISH A LAND AND AIR SEARCH AND PL 1985 1906 RESCUE PROCEDURE FOR MISSING AIRCRAFT PERSONNEL

CROWLEY, Shute Sponsor: Committee Report: OTP-AM

H-563 CA H S

SUMMARY: This law designates certain public officials responsible for air search and rescue activities.

LDAN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS ND LD 2279 1914

Sponsor: DOW, Soucy, Mills, McPherson

Committee Report: OTP-ND

SUMMARY: See LD 2279.

RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING A STUDY RELATING TO LD ONTP BIOPTICS AND DRIVERS' LICENSES 1943

Sponsor: BUSTIN, Clark, N. Committee Report: ONTP

<u>SUMMARY:</u> The purpose of this resolve was to establish a special study commission to explore the possible use of telescopic or bioptic lenses in correcting eyesight sufficiently to meet vision standards for operating a motor vehicle.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING SURETY BONDS REQUIRED OF LVWD

1948 MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS TO GUARANTEE TITLE AND
MILEAGE OF VEHICLES SOLD

Sponsor: CARTER, Cahill, Racine, Perkins

Committee Report: LVWD

<u>SUMMARY:</u> This bill attempted to amend existing bonding requirements for motor vehicle dealers.

LD AN ACT TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH THROUGH ONTP
1951 REQUIRED USE OF SEAT BELTS

Sponsor: VIOLETTE, Diamond, J., Vose, Murphy, T. Committee Report: OTP-AM, ONTP, OTP-AM

S-415 CA S-416 CB

SUMMARY: In its original form, this bill would have required all drivers and passengers of motor vehicles to wear seat belts if their vehicles were equipped with seat belts by the manufacturer. Failure to wear a seat belt would have carried a \$15 fine for the first offense and \$50 for subsequent offenses.

Ambulance personnel would not have needed to wear seat belts while they are engaged in direct life saving patient care. A rear seat passenger would not need to wear a seat belt if all avaiable seating postiions equipped with belts are occupied. A medical exemption was also provided.

Committee Amendment "A" called for a referendum at the next general election in November to allow the voters to decide the issue of required use of seat belts. The question that would have been placed before the voters would have read as follows: "Doy you favor AN ACT to Promote Public Health through the Required Use of Seat Belts?"