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AND
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**BILL SUMMARIES
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ON
TRANSPORTATION**

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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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BILL SUMMARIES
AUGUST 1991**

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. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

LD 17 **An Act Concerning the Use of Headlights in Inclement Weather** **PUBLIC 21**

SPONSOR(S) TRACY	COMMITTEE REPORT OTP-AM	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED H-19
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SUMMARY

This bill more clearly defines inclement weather conditions that require operators to use their headlights and taillights. The bill adds a civil fine of not less than \$50 for violating this act. The bill also removes a redundant provision regarding headlights from another section of law.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-19) amends the first section of the bill making more stringent the requirement that vehicle lights be illuminated when lighting or weather conditions obscure vision, by changing the distance requirement from 500 to 1,000 feet ahead. It also removes the civil forfeiture from the bill, deletes antiquated and unnecessary language from the original law and adds a fiscal note.

LD 22 **An Act Discouraging Littering of State Highways** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S) FARNUM	COMMITTEE REPORT LV/WD	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill would have required any person who blew out a tire on a public way to pick up the pieces. Additionally, the bill would have made it a civil violation to leave blown-out tires on public ways.

LD 25 **An Act to Require That Children Riding in the Back of Pickup Trucks Be Secured** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S) LUTHER	COMMITTEE REPORT LV/WD	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill would have required the operator of a pickup truck to ensure that children under 16 years of age are seated and secured when riding in areas of the truck that are not enclosed or not designed as seating. This bill, if enacted, would have allowed for a six month warning period, followed by a civil fine of \$25 for the first violation and a \$50 fine for subsequent violations.

LD 31 **An Act to Provide Identification for Persons Using Handicapped Parking Privileges** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S) SHELTRA	COMMITTEE REPORT LV/WD	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
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SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited vehicles that bear handicapped plates or placards from utilizing handicapped parking spaces unless the vehicle is being used to transport the handicapped individual. To facilitate this process, the Secretary of State would have been required to issue a photographic identification card to all individuals who are issued handicapped plates or placards.

Additionally, this bill would have increased the forfeiture for unlawful parking in a handicapped parking