

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115TH LEGISLATURE**

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
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BILL SUMMARIES  
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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:

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

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crops from June 15th to November 1st of each year. Additionally the bill would have raised the initial license fee and renewal fee for official business directional signs from not more than \$30 to not more than \$100 each.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-72) replaces the original bill. The amendment permits growers of fresh fruit and vegetable crops to erect signs, from June 15th to November 1st of each year, advertising produce grown on the premises. The amendment allows these signs to be erected in the right-of-way of highways that receive no federal aid. This amendment allows the erection of up to 6 signs. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and clause.

House Amendment "F" (H-247) to Committee Amendment "A" replaces section 2 of Committee Amendment "A". This amendment permits growers of fresh fruit and vegetable crops to erect signs advertising produce grown on the premises and available for immediate sale. These signs may be erected from June 15th until November 1st of each year. The amendment limits the number of signs to 4 and the maximum size to 8 square feet. Signs may be erected within the right-of-ways of highways not receiving federal aid. These signs must be at the edge of the right-of-ways.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-58) to Committee Amendment "A" strikes from the bill the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

**LD 133      An Act Concerning the Use of Headlights      LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
TUPPER	LV/WD	
HICHBORN		
SALISBURY		
GOULD R R		

**SUMMARY**

Current law requires the use of headlights and taillights when atmospheric conditions make persons and vehicles not clearly discernible at 500 feet ahead. This bill would have made the conditions warranting use of lights more stringent by requiring the use of headlights and taillights under the same condition at 1,000 feet.

Additionally, the bill would have added a civil fine of not less than \$50 for a violation of the act and would have removed a redundant provision regarding the use of headlights from 29 MRSA §1366.

See LD 17, a similar bill, which was enacted.

**LD 159      An Act to Require the Use of Headlights During Inclement Weather While Windshield Wipers are in Use      LV/WD**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
O'DEA	LV/WD	

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required that headlights and taillights be illuminated when it is raining or at any other time extended use of windshield wipers is necessary. Additionally, it would have removed redundant language from 29 MRSA §1366.

See LD 17, a similar bill, which was enacted.