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**STATE OF MAINE
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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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>

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

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-208

SUMMARY

This bill provides funds to pay 5% (\$100,000) of the operating costs for Casco Bay Island Transit District for fiscal year 1991-92. The bill also requires the Department of Transportation to include an amount sufficient to pay for 5% of the annual operating costs in its budget estimates and states that it is the intent of the Legislature that the indicated amount be appropriated.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-208) decreases the appropriation in the bill to \$20,000 for fiscal year 1991-92 and fiscal year 1992-93 for the operating costs of the Casco Bay Island Transit District. The amendment deletes the provision of the bill requiring the Department of Transportation to include an amount sufficient to pay for 5% of the district's operating costs in its future budget estimates. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

An Act to Amend the Gross Vehicle Weight Limits of Commercial Vehicles**SPONSOR(S)**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**SUMMARY**

This bill would have amended the gross vehicle weight limits for commercial vehicles operating on state highways by repealing the provision allowing vehicles over 80,000 pounds. If this bill had been enacted, the limits on state highways would have conformed to the limits applicable on the Interstate Highway System.

An Act to Allow for a Trailer Transit License**SPONSOR(S)**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

S-213

SUMMARY

This bill allows trailer transit licenses and plates to be issued for use by persons in the business of delivering or servicing mobile homes or storage trailers.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-213) exempts a mobile home or an empty storage trailer displaying a trailer transit plate in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29, §360-B from the requirement that it be inspected annually. These types of vehicles would still have to meet the inspection requirements when traveling over the highway, but would not actually have to be inspected and issued a certificate of inspection. The amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause, making the bill effective July 1, 1991. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.