

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
115TH LEGISLATURE**

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AND  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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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:

<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.

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

**LD 1003 An Act to Establish Special Designating Registration Plates for Vietnam Veterans of the Tet Offensive ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
KETTERER ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have authorized special registration plates for veterans who were stationed in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive.

LD 1779 authorizes special registration plates for a variety of veterans, including those who were stationed in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive.

**LD 1031 An Act to Exempt Military-trained Drivers from State Driver's License Examination Requirements ONTP**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
NUTTING ONTP

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have granted discretion to the Secretary of State to waive an operator's license examination for former military personnel who previously held a military driver's license.

**LD 1057 Resolve, to Name the Bridge Spanning the Little Madawaska River in Caribou the "B. Morrell Bridge" RESOLVE 8**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
COLLINS OTP-AM S-96  
BELL  
ANDERSON

**SUMMARY**

This resolve names the bridge spanning the Little Madawaska River on Route 223 in Caribou the "B. Morrell Bridge."

Committee Amendment "A" (S-96) adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

**LD 1058 An Act to Mandate the Use of Seat Belts PUBLIC 470**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED  
BRANNIGAN ONTP A S-249 REP 'B'  
COLLINS OTP-AM B  
OTP-AM C

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required 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 \$25 fine for a first offense and a \$50 fine for subsequent offenses.

Ambulance personnel would not have been required to wear seat belts while they were engaged in direct lifesaving patient care. Additionally, a rear seat passenger would not have been required to wear a seat belt if all available seating positions equipped with seat belts were occupied.