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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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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:

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.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-249) replaces the original bill and expands current law to require that the driver of a vehicle have passengers 4 years of age through 18 years of age use seat belts. This provision does not apply when the number of passengers exceeds the seating capacity of the vehicle. This amendment includes an initial six month warning period, followed by a \$25 fine for the first violation and a \$50 fine for each subsequent violation. Present law requires that passengers under 16 years of age be secured in seat belts.

LD 1061 An Act to Prohibit Passengers under 10 Years of Age on Motorcycles ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
FOSTER	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited children under 10 years of age from being a passenger on a motorcycle.

**LD 1099 An Act to Create a Semipermanent Semitrailer Registration PUBLIC 422
EMERGENCY**

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MACOMBER	OTP-AM	H-306
STROUT		S-293 THERIAULT
CAHILL P		
TWITCHELL		

SUMMARY

The State currently has a long-term trailer registration program. Under that program a semitrailer may be registered for periods of up to 12 years. Recently, the useful life of many semitrailers has been extended to 20 years. It is administratively impractical for large trailer leasing companies to locate units in order to put on new plates or swap registration certificates.

The original bill would have permitted the Secretary of State to issue a semipermanent registration certificate for certain semitrailers. Registrations would have been issued for periods up to 20 years.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-306) replaces the original bill. Like the original bill, this amendment allows the Secretary of State to issue semipermanent semitrailer registration for periods of up to 20 years. It also allows the Secretary of State to bill semipermanent semitrailer registrants on an annual basis and removes the requirement that agents who accept unassigned registration plates and certificates post a performance bond. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-293) to Committee Amendment "A" clarifies the fee payment process for semipermanent semitrailer truck registration and the treatment of nonresident semipermanent semitrailer truck registered according to the provisions of Committee Amendment "A".