

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115TH LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARIES  
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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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.

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

**LD 1555 An Act to Establish Title for Snowmobiles and All-terrain Vehicles**

**CARRIED OVER**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
MITCHELL J  
CLARK N

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**

**SUMMARY**

This bill would establish a program for titling snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles of model year 1992 or later. This program would be administered by the Secretary of State.

This bill was carried over to the 2nd Regular Session by the Transportation Committee.

**LD 1587 An Act to Require Minimum Training Standards for Construction Flaggers**

**PUBLIC 401**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
HALE

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-424

**SUMMARY**

This bill would have required construction flaggers to have a minimum of 2 hours of training in directing traffic at construction sites. The bill required the Department of Transportation to develop and administer the training program.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-424) replaces the original bill. It requires that privately employed flaggers at construction sites on public ways be provided training in the techniques of directing traffic at construction sites. The type and content of the training is left to the discretion of the employer but the training must be consistent with the standards for traffic control contained in the Federal Highway Administration Manual on Traffic Control Devices. Municipalities are encouraged to provide the same training to flaggers whom they employ.

**LD 1600 An Act to Increase the Penalty for Failure to Secure a Child with a Seat Belt (By Request)**

**PUBLIC 445**

**SPONSOR(S)**  
LUTHER  
MILLS

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
OTP-AM

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED**  
H-456

**SUMMARY**

This bill increases the fine for violation of the child seat belt laws from \$25 to \$50 for an initial violation and from \$50 to \$200 for any subsequent violation.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-456) strikes the increase in the fine for the first violation of the child seat belt law and retains the increase to \$200 for each subsequent violation. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.