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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:

<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 1601      An Act Regarding the Issuance of Special Plates for Rescue Unit Workers and Providers of Emergency Medical Services      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> WATERMAN CARROLL D KERR	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> ONTP	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

This bill would have created a special license plate for rescue unit workers and emergency medical services' personnel. It also provided for a \$50 forfeiture for failure by inactive rescue workers to return recalled license plates to the Secretary of State.

**LD 1623      An Act Concerning Responsibility of Motor Vehicle Owners for Registration      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> MILLS BOUTILIER HALE	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> ONTP	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

This bill would have amended the law to make clear that the person responsible for registering a vehicle will be cited for failure to register if that person operates an unregistered vehicle or allows someone else to operate an unregistered vehicle.

**LD 1641      An Act to Prohibit Emission of Unreasonable Noise from Motor Vehicles      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> KERR WATERMAN DUTREMBLE L	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> ONTP	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

This bill would have prohibited the operation of a radio, loudspeaker or other auxiliary device on or in a vehicle in a manner that causes annoyingly loud noises. This restriction would not have applied to political speech.

**LD 1681      An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws      ONTP**

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> MILLS BOUTILIER	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> ONTP	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**SUMMARY**

This bill would have allowed the use of dealer registration plates while driving vehicles to auction sites and while transporting dealership personnel to meetings related to training and the operation of the dealership.

This bill would have repealed the law regarding the inspection standards for a catalytic converter.