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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL SUMMARIES**

JULY 1993

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.

The committee report or reports, the prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor in each house if one has been designated are listed below each bill title. 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:

<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Bill carried over to Second Session</i>
<i>ONTP</i>	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
<i>ENACTMENT FAILED</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN BODIES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference formed but unable to agree</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</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.

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

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SUMMARY

The bill would have permitted the Secretary of State to issue special veteran vanity license plates and special veteran handicap license plates.

LD 359 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Use of Handicap Placards in Motor Vehicles ONTP

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CAHILL ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have made reproduction of a handicap placard a Class D crime.

LD 372 Resolve, to Privatize Road Maintenance ONTP

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
JOY ONTP

SUMMARY

This resolve directed the Commissioner of Transportation to develop an implementation plan for the privatization of road maintenance on state highways. The resolve required the plan to include opportunities for current employees to bid on the contracts, educational programs and an extension of membership in the Maine State Retirement System for certain employees. The commissioner would have been required to submit the implementation plan and legislation by December 1, 1993.

LD 373 An Act Regarding Reimbursement for Sand and Salt Storage Facility Construction PUBLIC 63

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
SPEAR OTP-AM H-67

SUMMARY

This bill provides for a transfer of funds currently committed to the construction of certain salt and sand storage projects to provide reimbursement to municipalities that have already constructed such facilities.

The committee amendment (H-67) adds language to ensure that a town or county receiving grant money for construction of a sand and salt storage facility under the 1992 Jobs Creation Bond Package or under the Community Development Block Grant Program is not reimbursed for that portion of expenses paid for with the grant. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

LD 377 An Act Concerning the Transfer of Motor Vehicle Registration Plates ONTP

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TRACY ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed the transfer of registration number plates to a family member of a vehicle owner upon the death of the vehicle owner or upon the owner's transfer or assignment of title or interest in the title, providing the owner did not register another vehicle.

LD 383 An Act to Establish Signs for Points of Historic Interest ONTP

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
WENTWORTH ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have established a special official business directional sign for points of historic interest.

LD 385 An Act to Require Commercial Trucks to Operate with Care in Adverse Weather Conditions ONTP

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
POULIOT ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have prohibited operators of commercial vehicles with a registered weight of over 26,000 lbs. from driving in the left lane on divided limited-access highways during adverse weather conditions.

LD 401 An Act Concerning Parking Space Availability for the State's Elderly ONTP

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
PLOWMAN ONTP

SUMMARY

This bill would have allowed any person over 75 years of age to obtain a handicapped parking permit.

LD 408 An Act to Amend the Law Pertaining to Abandoned Vehicles PUBLIC 20

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MITCHELL E OTP
CAREY

SUMMARY

This bill requires that persons wishing to obtain a letter of ownership or certificate of title with respect to an abandoned vehicle ascertain whether there is a lienholder of the vehicle and, if so, give the same notice to the lienholder as is given to the owner with respect to the possibility that ownership of the vehicle will pass to the owner of the premises or property where the vehicle is located in order to allow lienholders of abandoned vehicles to protect their property interest. It also requires that any daily storage fee charges be reasonable and that the total storage charge assessed against an owner or lienholder may not exceed \$600.