

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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&amp;S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private &amp; 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 &amp; 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**

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.