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**BILL SUMMARIES
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**ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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**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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LD 459

An Act Regarding Seating on a Motorcycle or Motor-driven Cycle

INDEF PP

SPONSOR(S)
STEVENS A
BERUBE

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have repealed the section of law regarding permissible seating on a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle or in a sidecar and replaced it with substantially the same language in outline form. In addition, the new section would have made it mandatory for a passenger riding on a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle to be seated behind the operator. The operator would have been responsible for a violation.

The committee amendment (H-64) changed the language in the violation section of the bill to clarify that a violation would be a traffic infraction.

LD 462

An Act to Provide Greater Access to Private Roads during Emergencies

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
FARNUM

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have authorized police officers to request whatever assistance is necessary to ensure public safety at the scene of an emergency on a private way.

LD 486

An Act Concerning the Mandatory Use of Car Safety Seat Belts

VETO SUSTAINED

SPONSOR(S)
BRANNIGAN

PENDEXTER

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM MAJ
ONTP MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-88

SUMMARY

This bill would have required all motor vehicle operators and passengers to wear safety seat belts unless an operator or passenger had a medical condition, documented by a physician, that precluded wearing a seat belt.

The committee amendment (S-88) clarified that the exemption for passengers exceeding the seating capacity of a vehicle would apply only when all seat belts in the vehicle were in use. It added a provision allowing enforcement only when a vehicle was stopped for a suspected violation of another traffic offense. It replaced the term, "civil violation," with the term, "traffic infraction." It changed the penalty to a fine not less than \$25 nor more than \$50. It also added the effective date of January 1, 1994 and a fiscal note to the bill.