

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
116TH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

**BILL SUMMARIES  
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ON  
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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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**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.