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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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LD 921

**An Act to Authorize the Operation of Articulated Buses on
Maine Highways**

PUBLIC 122

SPONSOR(S)
BAILEY R

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-185

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the operation of articulated buses without a special permit on the State's highways under certain conditions. The amendment (H-185) adds a fiscal note.

LD 1003

**An Act to Allow Reimbursement to Local Fire Departments by
the Turnpike Authority of Maine**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
LAWRENCE

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have required the Maine Turnpike Authority to reimburse municipal fire departments for actual costs incurred in responding to calls on the Maine Turnpike.

LD 1009

An Act to Facilitate Traffic Movement over Bridges and Ways

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
BALDACCI

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill would have permitted any police officer to escort oversized vehicles over bridges and ways. Current law requires the escort to be a state police officer.

LD 1043

**An Act Concerning the Definition of Compact Area for
Municipalities**

PUBLIC 163

SPONSOR(S)
BAILEY R

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill conforms the definitions of "compact area" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 23 and 35-A. Title 35-A, sections 2502 and 2503 establish utility licensing authority between the Department of Transportation and municipal authorities depending on the limits of compact areas. Because of the 2 differing definitions, confusion has arisen when the town population is between 5,000 and 6,000.

LD 1097

**An Act Repealing Advisory Boards on Transportation
Matters**

PUBLIC 420

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-248
H-324 O'GARA