

# 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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**LD 921**      **An Act to Authorize the Operation of Articulated Buses on  
Maine Highways**      PUBLIC 122

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> BAILEY R	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> OTP-AM	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> H-185
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**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

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> LAWRENCE	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> ONTP	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**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

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> BALDACCI	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> ONTP	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**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

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b> BAILEY R	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> OTP	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b>
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**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

<b>SPONSOR(S)</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORT</b> OTP-AM	<b>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</b> H-248 H-324 O'GARA
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