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#### STATE OF MAINE

# ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON

## Transportation

#### BILL SUMMARY



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Office of Legislative Assistants State House, Station 13 Augusta, Maine 04333 (207) 289-2486 716 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CROSSING DOUBLE Randall ONTP YELLOW LINES ON THE HIGHWAY

SUMMARY: Proposed to prohibit crossing to the left for passing or overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction when the presence of double yellow lines is encountered. Existing law permits crossing double yellow lines to pass another vehicle.

733 AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE Najarian ENACT. PL 30 INSPECTIONS

SUMMARY: LD 733 proposed a new procedure for measuring tire depth tread for motor vehicle inspection purposes. The bill proposed that the measurement of tread depth be made of the entire tire, and any groove of less than 1/32 of an inch would disqualify the entire tire.

The State Police opposed the bill and indicated that the general public would be forced to buy tires much more frequently. In addition, many of the tires would still be safe according to most standards. LD 1601 did change the tire tread measurement procedure to require readings in 2 adjacent major tread grooves no closer from each other than 15 inches.

746 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DETERMINATION Brown, D. ENACT. PL 30 OF AXLES ON MOTOR FARM TRUCKS

SUMMARY: Motor farm trucks of two or three axles may haul a trailer or semitrailer as long as the total weight of the farm truck and trailer, semitrailer does not exceed  $54,000 \, \mathrm{lbs}$ .

747 AN ACT TO PERMIT THE USE OF Studley ENACT. PL 31 ILLUMINATED SIGNS ON MOTOR TRUCKS, SEMITRAILERS AND TRUCK TRACTORS

SUMMARY: Please refer to LD 73.

793 AN ACT CONCERNING BICYCLE Swazey ONTP REGULATIONS

794 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL Holloway ONTP
OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FROM
A FIXED DATE TO THE BIRTH MONTH OF
THE VEHICLE OWNER

SUMMARY: LD 794 proposed to change the expiration date of automobile registrations to the end of the birth month of the registrant. The bill provided for the pro-rating of motor vehicle registration fees and excise taxes to implement the bill. The committee was concerned about the ability of municipal tax collectors to pro-rate automobile excise taxes.

807 AN ACT TO REQUIRE BAFFLES IN ANY Brown, L. REF'D TO COMTE INTER-STATE TANK CARRIER OF HAZARDOUS WASTE SHIPMENTS