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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 1440 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STOPPING OF Theriault ENACT. PL 451 TRUCKS AT ROADSIDE WEIGHING POINTS

SUMMARY: Requires that truckers stop at roadside weighing points established by the State Police and that these points shall display yellow flashing lights. The flashing lights shall be activated at times when the weighing stations are in operation. Failure to stop at a roadside weighing point constitutes a civil violation with a forfeiture of not more than \$500.

1470 AN ACT TO PERMIT PRODUCERS OF Smith, C.B. LV/WD PERISHABLE PRODUCTS TO SHIP ON SEASONALLY CLOSED WAYS

SUMMARY: This proposal prompted the Department of Transportation to devlop a written policy related to the closing of roads and highways during certain seasons.

1506 RESOLVE, TO DESIGNATE THE SACO SPUR Danton PASSFROM ROUTE 1, TO ITS INTERSECTION RESOLVE 30
WITH OCEAN PARK ROAD AS 'CENTENNIAL
WAY' TO COMMEMORATE THE YEAR OF THE
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF

SUMMARY: See LD 635.

1514 AN ACT REQUIRING MOTORISTS TO Reeves, P. ENACT. PL 299
CHILDREN IN MOTOR VEHICLES BY USE
OF APPROVED CHILD SAFETY SEATS

SUMMARY: LD 1514, a redraft of LD 1910, differs from LD 910 by providing a 6 month warning period during the initial phase of the bill. In addition, the bill allows a child to be strapped into a seat belt as opposed to a child seat when the number of passengers exceeds the seating capacity of the vehicle as a result of the use of child seats.

1515 AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF CHILD Reeves, P. RESTRAINT SEATS AND THE STATE POLICE TO LOAN RESTRAINT SEATS TO PERSONS IN VIOLATION

SUMMARY: LD 1515 was very similar to LD 1514 except that the State Police officers would be required to carry child restraint seats in their vehicles and provide them to persons stopped for violation of the law. The seats would be returned to the court to which the violator is summoned. If the violator could provide satisfactory evidence that this person had acquired a child seat, the penalty could be waived. The fine of \$50 for subsequent offenses as required in LD 1514 was reduced to \$25 in LD 1515.