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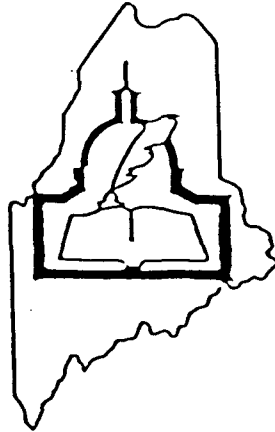
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H-584 or S-222), together with the sponsor if it is a floor amendment or the designation "CA" if it is a committee amendment. If the amendment was adopted in the House, the letter H appears after the sponsor. If it was adopted in the Senate, the letter S appears.

Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT	Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

The Committee redraft of the bill, LD2047, which has been enacted into law as P.L. 1986, chapter 569, is intended to provide information to purchasers of vehicles at state auctions. According to the new law, the State is exempt from liability for any vehicles sold at auction, but the vehicles must be inspected at least 6 months before the auction, and any deficiencies must be listed on the vehicle. Any vehicle which does not pass inspection but does not pose a serious threat to the safety of the general public may obtain a temporary certification for operation from the state auction to a designated destination point.

LD  
1763

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE SURETY BONDING PROCESS  
FOR CONTRACTORS

PL 1985  
c. 554

Sponsor: LACROIX, Boutilier, Cote, Descoteaux  
Committee Report: OTP-AM

H-505 CA H S

SUMMARY: LD 1763 makes consistent the surety bonding provisions relating to public works. Prior to adoption of the bill, surety bonding provisions appeared in Title 5 (Bureau of Public Improvements), Title 14 (Civil Actions), and in title 23 (Department of Transportation). These various provisions were not consistent.

LD 1763 also "opens" the door to other forms of securities for bid proposals provided to BPI, the Department of Transportation, etc. Currently, only bonds are acceptable securities. LD 1763 expands the types of securities to U.S. Postal Money Orders, official bank checks, certificates of deposit, escrow accounts, etc.

Prior to enactment of the act the State of Maine required a contractor who presents a bid proposal on a state contract to post a bid bond to provide the state assurance that the contractor, if awarded the contract, will sign the contract and complete the project. There have been occasions when a contractor, who has 30 days to sign the contract, has returned the contract unsigned, and accepted another contract that will produce a greater return to the contractor than the state contract.

