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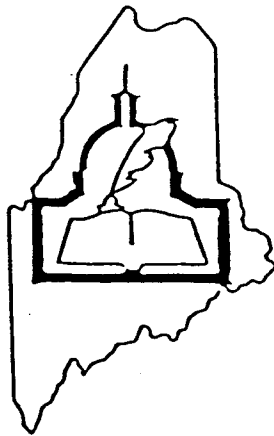
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TRANSPORTATION
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second 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

SUMMARY: The purpose of this resolve was to establish a special study commission to explore the possible use of telescopic or bioptic lenses in correcting eyesight sufficiently to meet vision standards for operating a motor vehicle.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING SURETY BONDS REQUIRED OF LVWD
1948 MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS TO GUARANTEE TITLE AND
MILEAGE OF VEHICLES SOLD

Sponsor: CARTER, Cahill, Racine, Perkins
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill attempted to amend existing bonding requirements for motor vehicle dealers.

LD AN ACT TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH THROUGH ONTP
1951 REQUIRED USE OF SEAT BELTS

Sponsor: VIOLETTE, Diamond, J., Vose, Murphy, T.
Committee Report: OTP-AM, ONTP, OTP-AM

S-415 CA
S-416 CB

SUMMARY: In its original form, this bill would have required all drivers and passengers of motor vehicles to wear seat belts if their vehicles were equipped with seat belts by the manufacturer. Failure to wear a seat belt would have carried a \$15 fine for the first offense and \$50 for subsequent offenses.

Ambulance personnel would not have needed to wear seat belts while they are engaged in direct life saving patient care. A rear seat passenger would not need to wear a seat belt if all available seating positions equipped with belts are occupied. A medical exemption was also provided.

Committee Amendment "A" called for a referendum at the next general election in November to allow the voters to decide the issue of required use of seat belts. The question that would have been placed before the voters would have read as follows: "Doy you favor AN ACT to Promote Public Health through the Required Use of Seat Belts?"

The call for a referendum vote accompanied modification in the original bill, exempting rural mail carriers and persons who make frequent stops from the requirement to wear a seat belt at all times while their motor vehicles are in motion. Furthermore, a stipulation was introduced which prohibits enforcement action for violation of this proposed mandatory use law, unless a motor vehicle has been stopped by law enforcement officers for a different violation of motor vehicle laws.

Committee Amendment "B" representing a minority position, exempted rural mail carriers and persons who make frequent stops from the requirement to wear a seat belt at all times while their motor vehicles are in motion. Furthermore, a stipulation was introduced which prohibits enforcement action for violation of this proposed mandatory use law, unless a motor vehicle has been stopped by law enforcement officers for a different violation of motor vehicle laws.

LD AN ACT TO ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT OF LVWD
2010 TRANSPORTATION TO PRODUCE THE STATE MAP

Sponsor: ROTONDI, Lander, Allen, Richard
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have provided the funds and authorization to the Department of Transportation for the State of Maine to produce a highway map.

LD AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE INTERNATIONAL PL 1985
2019 REGISTRATION PLAN TO APPORTION FEES FOR CERTAIN c. 735
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Sponsor: DOW, Callahan
Committee Report: OTP-AM, ONTP

S-485 CA H S

SUMMARY: This law provides the authority for the State of Maine to enter into the International Registration Plan. The IRP is a truck registration prorate plan. The purposes are to provide for equitable sharing of registration fees among jurisdictions and to reduce administrative burdens to the trucking industry.