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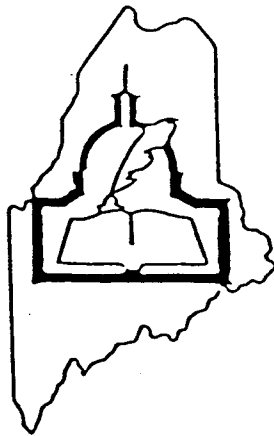
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BILL SUMMARY



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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

At the last minute, this legislative proposal was withdrawn because of a recommendation by the Department of Transportation to completely review Title 35 in light of the State Government's current scrutiny of Maine's railroad policy.

**LD 2132** AN ACT MAKING ALLOCATIONS FROM THE HIGHWAY FUND AND OTHER FUNDS FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND CHANGING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LAW NECESSARY TO THE

ND LD 2346

Sponsor: THERIAULT, Dow, Strout  
Committee Report: OTP-ND

SUMMARY: See LD 2346.

LD 2171 AN ACT RELATING TO A NEW REGISTRATION PLATE ISSUE

INDEF PP46  
SEE LD 2346

Sponsor:  
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 263

H-568 NADEAU H S

SUMMARY: During the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature, the Division of Motor Vehicles requested the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation to allocate highway funds for a new general issue of registration plates in 1986. The Division of Motor Vehicles justified its request by explaining that registration plates were meant to have a useful life of 6 years, but current plates are more than 10 years old. As a result of extended exposure to the elements, many plates have deteriorated seriously and there is evidence to show that the battered and faded condition of the plates hampers law enforcement efforts.

The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation requested authorization to study this problem and to come up with a solution. In the study process, the committee learned 2 important pieces of information which point to necessary action.

1. A survey of evasion of motor vehicle registration in Maine undertaken by the Department of Transportation shows an evasion rate of 4.7% which translates into an annual loss of \$500,000 in registration fees to the Highway Fund and an annual loss of \$1,100,000 in excise tax revenues to municipalities.