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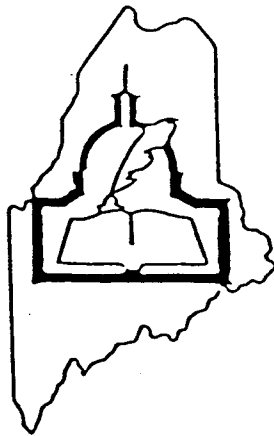
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged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

SUMMARY: This law authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation to issue temporary experimental vehicle permits on a limited basis under strictly controlled conditions. The purpose of this authority is to allow experimentation with trucks and motor vehicles of various lengths, sizes and weights.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE MOTORCYCLE DRIVER EDUCATION
2316 FOR FIRST-TIME OPERATORS OF MOTORCYCLES

PL 1985
c.694

Sponsor: RANDALL, Cahill, Mills, Theriault
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 1865

H-659 THERIAULT H S

SUMMARY: In an effort to rework LD 1865, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation appointed a subcommittee on motorcycle driver education. The committee identified several features of a driver education program for motorcycles that it considered important.

It should be a statewide program.

The program should be easy to administer.

The program should make maximum use of existing educational resources, including driver education programs within the schools and private driving schools.

Incentives should be offered to encourage more first-time operators of motorcycles to complete a motorcycle driver education program.

Based upon these objectives, the committee concluded that a new and strengthened motorcycle driver education program incorporate the following changes which are reflected in this new draft.

1. That the motorcycle driver education course time be increased from 2 hours to 8 hours, with 4 hours of classroom instruction and 4 hours of range operation;
2. That for persons successfully completing the new driver education course, the requirement to take the permit test from the Secretary of State will be waived;
3. That first-term operators under the age of 21 years be required to successfully complete the new driver education course before obtaining a permit; and

4. That 2 driver license examiners be hired within the Motor Vehicle Division to administer and coordinate the program.

An increase in the motorcycle registration fee from \$15 to \$17 generates enough revenue to pay for the increased costs of program administration.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO STOP PL 1985
2318 AND PROCEED WITH CAUTION WHEN OVERTAKING AND c. 686
 PASSING SCHOOL BUSES

Sponsor: MURPHY, E., Wentworth, Racine, Tuttle
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 2181

SUMMARY: This law accomplishes the intent of LD 2181, but places the changes that need to be made in the appropriate statutory section. This measure allows authorized emergency vehicles to proceed with caution past a stopped school bus with flashing red lights when signaled by the school bus operator that it is safe to proceed.

LD AN ACT RELATING TO DRIVER EDUCATION FOR THE PL 1985
2319 HANDICAPPED AND ALREADY LICENSED INDIVIDUALS c. 687

Sponsor: MICHAEL, Andrews
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 2200

SUMMARY: The purpose of this measure is to create an exemption in the driver education law to allow handicapped persons and persons with a valid Maine driver's license or instruction permit to receive driver education in their own vehicles. This document modifies enabling language to clarify the conditions in which driver education can occur within the vehicle owned by the person receiving instruction.

LD AN ACT MAKING ALLOCATIONS FROM THE HIGHWAY FUND PL 1985
2346 AND OTHER FUNDS FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF STATE c. 725
 GOVERNMENT AND CHANGING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF
 THE LAW NECESSARY TO THE PROPER

Sponsor: THERIAULT, Dow, Strout
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 2132