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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. The summaries are arranged by LD number under each committee.

All Adopted 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 "COMMITTEE" if it is a committee amendment.

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

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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-A	Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass
LVWD	Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP	Indefinitely Postponed

LD AN ACT REQUIRING PROPER PLACEMENT OF MOTOR PL 1987
1034 VEHICLE DEALER PLATES. c. 64

Sponsor: HEPBURN, Whitmore, Cote, LaPointe
Committee Report: New draft of LD 196

SUMMARY: The original bill would have required dealer license plates be displayed at not less than a 45 degree angle from the ground. The fine for a violation would have been not more than \$500. The new draft requires that motor vehicle dealer plates be attached to the rear of the vehicle.

LD AN ACT TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION PL 1987
1071 OF LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS. c. 31
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: PRAY
Committee Report: NOT REF'D TO COMTE.
Amendments Adopted:
S-17 DOW

SUMMARY: This bill extends the time period from April to May to notify the Secretary of State of a desire to retain a registration number.

LD AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT LOADS OF GRAVEL, SAND, PL 1987
1073 CRUSHED STONE, WOOD CHIPS, BUILDING DEBRIS OR c. 227
RUBBISH BE SECURE TO PREVENT SPILLAGE.

Sponsor: RACINE, Reeves, Allen, Greenlaw
Committee Report: ONTP - OTP

SUMMARY: This bill requires that vehicles traveling on public ways with loads of gravel, sand, crushed stone, wood chips, building debris or rubbish be secured to prevent spillage.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE PL 1987
1080 OPERATING PERMITS. c. 237

Sponsor: BAILEY
Committee Report: OTP
Amendments Adopted:
S-84 DOW

SUMMARY: This bill stipulates that only one operating permit is necessary for intrastate transportation of freight merchandise, household goods, or passengers by a motor vehicle for hire.

Senate amendment "A" (S-84), as enacted, adds a fiscal note to the bill which estimated a slight loss in revenue because of the change in requirement.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE VIOLATION ONTP
1097 OF IMPRUDENT SPEED.

Sponsor: PEARSON, Warren
Committee Report: ONTP - OTP

SUMMARY: This bill would have allowed the charge of imprudent speed to be made against a driver only if the vehicle had been involved in an accident.

LD AN ACT TO AMEND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PL 1987
1108 INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN AND APPORTIONED c. 79
FEES FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.

Sponsor: MACOMBER, Strout D
Committee Report: New draft of LD 272

SUMMARY: The original bill delays the implementation of the International Registration Plan for one year. The new draft provides for prorated registrations and excise taxes, repeals the excise tax credit, and makes other technical changes.

LD AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF LVWD
1115 TRANSPORTATION TO ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES
CONCERNING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS.

Sponsor: MELENDY, Carroll, Hoglund, Gurney
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: This bill would have allowed the Department of Transportation to assist municipalities with the installation and maintenance of traffic control signals.

LD AN ACT TO ENSURE RAIL SAFETY WHEN OPERATING A ONTP
1133 FREIGHT TRAIN WITHOUT A CABOOSE.

Sponsor: RUHLIN, Duffy, Strout D, Dow
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: This bill would have established conditions that must be met in order to operate a train without a caboose.