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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 1402 addresses parking accommodations to provide easier access for handicapped persons to public accommodations. The bill proposes to require the designation of at least one parking space for every 25 parking spaces available to the public on a public or private parking lot.

LD 1402 also amends the statute relating to municipal ordinances that are enacted to provide for handicapped parking. The bill changes the penalty from a maximum fine of \$25 to a minimum fine of \$50 unless a municipal ordinance establishes a different penalty.

The bill applies to existing facilities, and facilities constructed in the future.

This bill was amended twice. One amendment changed the ratio of handicapped parking spaces to parking spaces available to the general public from 1 to 20 to 1 to 25. This amendment also establishes a \$50 fine for all infractions of this law and mandates that owners of private off-street parking shall arrange for enforcement by private means or public agencies. A second amendment defines clearly marked to include painted signs on pavement, vertical standing signs or barriers which are visible in existing weather conditions.

LD 1407 AN ACT TO MAKE THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY A MAJOR POLICY-INFLUENCING POSITION PL 1987 c. 355 EMERGENCY

Sponsor: MACBRIDE, Priest, Branningan, Gould, R. R.
Committee Report: OTP-A
Amendments Adopted:
H-229 COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: LD 1407 amends Title 5, section 948, to place the Director of Safety within the category of major policy-influencing positions within the Department of Public Safety. LD 1407 was amended to make it emergency legislation.

LD 1446 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR TO ORDER EMERGENCY ACTIVATION OF THE GUARD IN ADVANCE OF AN IMMINENT DISASTER PL 1987 c. 429

Sponsor: CARROLL, Diamond, Strout, B.
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: LD 1446 enables the Governor to order emergency activation of state military forces in advance of an imminent disaster. Present law does not explicitly allow mobilization of the state military forces, such as the National Guard, to prepare for an imminent disaster. For