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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. 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

6. Several housekeeping changes.

Committee amendment "A" (H-204), as enacted, adds a fiscal note saying that there will be no request for funds.

LD AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE TAKING OF PROPERTY BY THE PL 1987
1410 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. c. 267

Sponsor: SALSBURY, Vose, Strout D
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill clarifies existing statute and makes it clear that the Department of Transportation can acquire property not only for highway purposes, but for all transportation purposes to which it is directed by law. It also clarifies the department's authority to enter upon private property to do surveys for projects other than just highway projects.

LD AN ACT TO CREATE A MAINE NATIONAL HISTORIC LVWD
1434 DISTRICT SIGN PROGRAM.

Sponsor: REEVES, Dow
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill would have allowed the Department of Transportation on request of a municipality to erect signs on state highways and the interstate system pointing out to motorists the location of historic districts in Maine. The cost will be borne by the municipality making the request.

LD AN ACT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS FROM THE P&SL 1987
1459 HIGHWAY FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING c. 38
JUNE 30, 1987. EMERGENCY

Sponsor: CAHILL, Strout D, Soucy
Committee Report: OTP

SUMMARY: The bill makes additional allocations from the Highway Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987 to provide for construction costs at the new State Police Crime Laboratory.

LD AN ACT TO PROVIDE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES AND PL 1987
1498 DECALS FOR PEOPLE WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENTS. c. 228

Sponsor: MITCHELL, Gurney, Boutilier
Committee Report: New Draft of LD 478

SUMMARY: The original bill would have allowed the Secretary of State to issue special designated plates for Office of Policy and Legal Analysispage 37
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hearing impaired individuals. Eligible individuals would also receive special transferable shields which can be displayed in the front windshield when the individual is operating a vehicle without the special plates. The tags and decals will alert a police officer that the driver will require special communication techniques in order to eliminate misunderstandings.

The new draft eliminated the plate but retained the provision for a placards.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC LVWD
1501 CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIREMENT FOR
RAILROADS.

Sponsor: MATTHEWS Z, Duffy, Pray, Carter
Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill would have required any railroad receiving state financial assistance to procure a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Commissioner of Transportation in order to provide railroad services. At present the certificate is transferred to the new owner when a railroad is sold.

LD AN ACT CONCERNING RECONSTRUCTED AND REBUILT ONTP
1502 MOTOR VEHICLES.

Sponsor: RACINE
Committee Report: ONTP

SUMMARY: The bill attempted to control the registration of certain types of reconstructed or rebuilt vehicles.

LD AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE RAILROAD EMPLOYEE PL 1987
1529 EQUITY ACT. c. 327
EMERGENCY

Sponsor: MATTHEWS Z, Dutremble D, Joseph, Martin J
Committee Report: OTP-A - ONTP
Amendments Adopted:
H-270 JOSEPH
S-125 COMMITTEE
S-142 MATTHEWS Z

SUMMARY: The bill establishes a schedule for hiring priorities for railroad employees when an existing railroad is taken over by a new operator. It also establishes a new career training assistance program for certain unemployed railroad personnel.