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**STATE OF MAINE  
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**MAY 1988**

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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
MAY 1988**

*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 for floor amendments. Final action is listed to the right of the title. If final House and Senate action differ, both are listed. Committee Reports and Floor Action are indicated as follows::*

<b>OTP</b>	<b>Ought to Pass</b>
<b>OTP-ND</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft</b>
<b>OTP-ND-NT</b>	<b>Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title</b>
<b>OTP-A</b>	<b>Ought to Pass as Amended</b>
<b>ONTP</b>	<b>Ought Not to Pass</b>
<b>LVWD</b>	<b>Leave to Withdraw</b>
<b>INDEF PP</b>	<b>Indefinitely Postponed</b>

*Each individual summary was prepared by the analyst assigned, as noted for each committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including Secretaries: Charlene Brann, Janet Jean, Earl Knox, Valarie Parlin; Research Assistant Hartley Palleschi. Finally, Secretary Laurette Knox, Legal Assistant Carolyn Chick, and Research Assistant Robert Dunn had special responsibilities in the preparation of the overall document.*

*Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.*

LD An Act to Adequately Compensate Municipal Agents for  
1957 Activities Undertaken on Behalf of the State in the  
Registration of Motor Vehicles

PUBLIC  
588

SPONSOR(S)

GOULD R A  
STROUT D  
EMERSON  
DOW

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-448

SUMMARY

Under present law, designated municipal officials act as agents of the State for issuance of motor vehicle registrations. This bill increases the municipal fee for renewals from \$1 to \$2. The fee for new registrations remains at \$2.

The Committee Amendment (H-448) authorizes an additional fee of \$1 in case an agent in a municipality processes a new registration or a renewal for a person who lives outside a municipality, in recognition of the fact that residents support this municipal service through taxes, while nonresidents do not.

LD An Act to Control Vehicle Speeds on Public Easements  
1973

ND 2329

SPONSOR(S)

STROUT D  
THERIAULT  
SALSBURY  
MILLS

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-ND

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Replaced By LD 2329

LD An Act Concerning Recertification of Handicap in the Motor  
1977 Vehicle Registration Laws

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

RACINE  
GWADOSKY  
MILLS

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Under present law a handicapped person is issued a placard or handicapped registration plates. "Handicapped" include persons using a wheelchair, crutches, braces or with otherwise severely restricted mobility. Handicapped placards and plates require annual certification by a physician, except that permanent handicaps need only be certified initially. Temporary handicapped placards are also authorized. The bill requires recertification by a physician every 2 years for permanent handicaps.