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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::

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| 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 |

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 Lorette 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.

| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE</u> | <u>REPORT</u> | <u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| SMITH | ONTP | MAJ | |
| SOUCY | OTP-ND | MIN | |
| COLLINS | | | |

SUMMARY

The bill prohibits the possession, use or sale of radar detectors for motor vehicles. Violation would be a Class E crime. See LD 2366.

LD An Act to Require Collection of Reinstatement Fee at the **LV/WD**
2032 Time of Sentencing under the Motor Vehicle Laws

| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE</u> | <u>REPORT</u> | <u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| LUDWIG | LV/WD | | |
| CAHILL | | | |
| MARSANO | | | |

SUMMARY

Present law provides for suspension of a person's driver's license in case of failure to appear in court or failure to pay a fine. Reinstatement requires appearance in court or payment of the fine and payment of a \$25 reinstatement fee to the Secretary of State. The bill makes the reinstatement fee payable at the time of initial notice to the violator.

LD An Act to Amend Procedures Under the Unclaimed Motor Vehicle **PUBLIC**
2059 Laws **598**

| <u>SPONSOR(S)</u> | <u>COMMITTEE</u> | <u>REPORT</u> | <u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| DUTREMBLE L | OTP-AM | | H-451 |
| MATTHEWS Z | | | |

SUMMARY

Present law provides for abandoned vehicles and unclaimed vehicles left for repair in 29 MRSA §895-B, §2444 sub-§3, and §1111. The Committee Amendment (H-451), like the bill, consolidates these 3 laws in one place. It defines a vehicle as legally abandoned if it is left for 30 days after authorized repairs or storage are complete and sets deadlines for action by a garage, tow service or property owner.

If the owner of the vehicle is known, notice must be mailed to him within 30 days. (Present law is 30 days if police authorized towing, otherwise 90 days).

If the owner of the vehicle is unknown, the owner of the premises must inquire of the Secretary of State within 30 days, as under present law. If the Secretary of State finds no record, the owner of the premises must publish notice twice, although no time limit is specified. The vehicle owner has 14 days (down from 30 days in present law) to reclaim the vehicle and pay all reasonable charges. Otherwise, ownership passes to the owner of the premises.