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**STATE OF MAINE  
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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
TRANSPORTATION**

**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.*

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amber lights are to be used by highway maintenance, emergency rescue or utility emergency service vehicles or wreckers. Plowing vehicles may have a rotating flashing amber light. There is no restriction on the use of amber lights by other vehicles.

The Committee Amendment (S-335) makes technical changes and adds to the list of vehicles which may carry blue lights U.S. Government law enforcement officers and brings in liquor enforcement officers who are so authorized by Title 28-A. It also authorizes corrections personnel to use blue lights and sirens (but not to exceed posted speed) when responding to prison escapes or performing high security transfers.

**LD** An Act to Create a Single Point of Contact for the Operators **PUBLIC**  
**2093** of Commercial Vehicles **781**

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
DOW	OTP-AM	H-498 MOHOLLAND
CAHILL		S-332
MOHOLLAND		
STROUT D		

SUMMARY

Under present law the Commissioner of Transportation issues permits for double-bottom, oversize or overweight trucks, pneumatic tired equipment and oversize objects such as mobile homes. DOT may also prescribe a police escort and special markings in such cases. Safety requirements and permits for commercial freight and passenger carrier operations are administered and enforced by the State Police. The State Police also issue permits for vehicles transporting goods for-hire. The Division of Motor Vehicles issues vehicle registrations for fuel use reporting.

The bill would transfer all of these administrative functions and related rule-making authority to the Division of Motor Vehicles. The DMV would consult with those other agencies, and the State Police would retain their safety enforcement role, but the DMV would issue permits for establishing commercial service and would receive notice of discontinuance.

The amendment adds a section dealing with the transfer of functions and the transition. It is understood that 3 positions will be transferred from the Department of Transportation and 11 positions from the Department of Public Safety to the Division of Motor Vehicles, in addition to the new branch chief supervisor position created in the Division of Motor Vehicles by the allocation section.

Finally, the amendment adds an allocation and it modifies the effective date to allow 5 months startup time for the new person added to the Division of Motor Vehicles to supervise this operation. As amended, the bill makes an allocation of \$52,789 from the Highway Fund to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

The House Amendment (H-498) to the Committee Amendment makes technical corrections.