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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::

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.

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\$7156 provides for employee protection in a manner similar to the Railroad Employee Equity Act (Title 26, Chapter 27) in any sale or lease of a line acquired or operated under this chapter.

The bill as amended has no net fiscal impact, since any acquisition would be subject to sufficient funds being made available by further legislation and there is a requirement that all costs of acquisition be recovered by the State.

LD An Act Pertaining to Radar Detectors
2366

INDEF PP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
SMITH SOUCY COLLINS		

SUMMARY
ND Min Rpt of 2019

This new draft prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle which is equipped with a radar detector, unless the radar detector is not readily accessible for use by the operator or passengers. The detectors could be taken by law enforcement officers as evidence, but would have to be returned.

The new draft also allocates \$25,000 from the Highway Fund for signs at the State border to warn incoming traffic of the radar ban.

LD An Act to Regulate Development Along Highways
2389

LV/WD

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
SIMPSON DOW MCPHERSON HOLLOWAY	LV/WD	

SUMMARY
Under present law construction or modification of a driveway, entrance or approach within the right-of-way of a state or state-aid highway requires a permit from DOT, or if in the compact section, from the municipality. Reasonable access to property abutting the highway may not be denied except for limited access highways.

The bill adds increased regulation of access to state designated controlled access highways, in order to protect health, safety and welfare and maintain smooth traffic flow. The DOT would adopt a state highway access code, by rule, to be submitted to the Legislative Council by June 30, 1989. New driveways would have to conform to that code and require a permit from the municipality or the county and approval of DOT.