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114TH LEGISLATURE  
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ON  
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JULY 1989

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
BILL SUMMARIES  
AUGUST 1989

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 for 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 abbreviated 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 Research Assistant Barbara McGinn, and secretaries: Charlene Brann, and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

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

Other vehicles (trailers, semi-trailers, special mobile equipment...): March 1 to the last day of February of the next calendar year.

The bill would change the provision for other vehicles (trailers, etc.) to the last day of the month, one year from the month issued.

**LD 172      An Act to Require Driver's License Examinations for Persons  
80 Years or Older (BY REQUEST)**

**LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S)  
HUSSEY

COMMITTEE REPORT  
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill requires persons of age 80 or older to pass a driver's examination before their driver's license may be renewed. The law already requires a vision test for drivers age 65 or older.

**LD 192      An Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Registration Plate Design**

**ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)  
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GRAHAM

COMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Present law requires registration plates to have an illustration of a red lobster and the words, "Maine" at the top and "Vacationland" at the bottom. There was a new general issue, July 1, 1987. The next is scheduled for 1993.

This bill provides that each county may select a design logo for registration plates for residents of that county, beginning July 1, 1989.

**LD 202      An Act to Regulate the Use of Speed Traps and Prevent the  
Use of Radar Detectors**

**ONTP**

SPONSOR(S)  
ALIBERTI  
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COMMITTEE REPORT  
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires law enforcement officers to deter excessive speed through visible law enforcement rather than concealment of officers in speed traps. Evidence by a law enforcement officer in violation of this visibility requirement is not admissible in court against a person charged with speeding.

In addition, this bill prohibits the use or installation of radar detectors in motor vehicles in this State. A person violating this provision commits a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of at least \$50 and upon a person's 3rd offense, the law enforcement officer shall confiscate the radar detector.