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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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.

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SPONSOR(S)MACBRIDE
BAILEYCOMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-24

SUMMARY

This bill requires that a distinctively different colored drivers license be issued to those under the age of 21 to aid in checking identification.

CA (H-24) This amendment allows the use of a distinctive colored bar on the license, continuing present practice.

LD 374**An Act to Clarify the Penalty for Violations of Pedestrian
Right-of-Way in Crosswalks**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)SWAZEY
CONSTANTINE
HICHBORN
MILLSCOMMITTEE REPORT

LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTEDSUMMARY

The bill would define failure to yield the right of way to a pedestrian in a crosswalk as a traffic infraction. Under 29 MRSA §2303 traffic infractions are subject to a fine of \$25 to \$250. It appears that this is already a traffic infraction under 29 MRSA §1.

LD 389 An Act to Require Drivers to Turn Off Auxiliary Lights

PUBLIC 65

SPONSOR(S)ROTONDI
DUFFY
CARROLL DCOMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-38

SUMMARY

This bill requires drivers to turn off their fog or auxiliary lights when dimming their headlights from high beam to low beam except in emergencies or when operating snow removal or sanding equipment.

CA (H-38) This amendment combines sections 1072 and 1073 of Title 29, which require the dimming of headlights when approaching vehicles within 500 feet and when following vehicles within 100 feet. It also retains the intent of the original bill by requiring that fog and auxiliary lights exceeding 20,000 candle power be turned off when low beams are required.