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FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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ON
TRANSPORTATION

JULY 1989

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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.

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

Present law allows use of temporary plates for 14 days after the sale or exchange of a vehicle. The bill would also allow this in the case of lease of a vehicle. Vehicles registered for less than a month would continue to be registered in the name of the lessor, and if leased for longer they will continue to be registered in both the name of the lessor and that of the lessee.

CA (S-39) This amendment deletes the restriction on dealer plates from the bill and retains the provision allowing use of temporary 14-day plates for leased vehicles pending registration.

LD 505 **An Act Concerning the Maintenance of Cattle Fences on State Land** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MAYO LV/WD

SUMMARY

In 1988, 23 M RSA chapter 615 was enacted, authorizing the State to acquire railroad lines in certain circumstances. This bill would require the State to build and maintain fences along those railroad lines, the same as any other railroad corporation. The bill would require a General Fund appropriation of \$1 million for fence installation.

LD 512 **An Act Requiring Protective Headgear for All Operators and Passengers on Motor cycles, Motor Driven Cycles and Mopeds** **DIED BETWEEN HOUSES**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
STROUT

SUMMARY

This bill would require mandatory use of helmets by all operators and passengers of motorcycles, motor driven cycles and mopeds.

The bill died without reference.

LD 538 **An Act Regarding Motor Vehicle Registration** **LV/WD**

SPONSOR(S) COMMITTEE REPORT AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
WEYMOUTH LV/WD
MACOMBER
MCPHERSON
MOHOLLAND

SUMMARY

This bill addresses reregistration of a motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer for which the plates have been surrendered for an extended period by commencing the reregistration period when the reregistration takes place, rather than backdating it to the time when the plates were surrendered. Reregistration would be for a calendar year, but a portion of the previous registration fee, prorated for the unused months, would be credited against the fee for the reregistration. This would cause a loss of revenue of \$2,446,630 per year, and require 4 new positions and about \$970 million per year.