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ON
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JULY 1989

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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:

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|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 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.

**LD 672 An Act to Permit the Registration of Recreational Vehicles
for Either a Six-month or One-year Period**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

BURKE
NADEAU G R
ROTONDI
MOHOLLAND

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill allows owners of camp trailers to register those vehicles for 6 months or one year, at the owner's option. If an owner chooses to register the vehicle for 6 months, the registration fee will be 1/2 the annual fee. The fee for registration of a camp trailer is now \$8.50, if less than 2,000 pounds gross weight, and \$16 if greater. The registration year for camp trailers begins March 1, and registrations after November 1 are half price. There are 20,000 camp trailers registered. The majority are over 2,000 pounds.

**LD 681 An Act to Clarify the Motor Vehicle Law Concerning the
Operation of Motorcycles**

PUBLIC 116

SPONSOR(S)

O'DEA
PARADIS P
CARROLL J

COMMITTEE REPORT

OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

H-80

SUMMARY

This bill requires operators of motorcycles to keep both wheels on the ground while operating the motorcycle.

CA (H-80) This amendment clarifies the bill by prohibiting the motorcycle operator from raising the front wheel off the surface on a public way or in a public parking lot. Violation would be a traffic infraction as defined by 29 MRSA §1, sub-§17-C. The amendment also drops the exemption in the bill for law enforcement officers.

**LD 711 An Act Relating to the Expiration of a Valid Certificate of
Inspection on a New or Used Motor Vehicle**

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)

STEVENS A

COMMITTEE REPORT

ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Recent legislation was enacted requiring dealers to provide valid inspection of vehicles on the date of sale. For vehicles which have passed inspection within 90 days, the bill provides a period of 5 business days for the dealer to provide for the new inspection. If the new owner fails to make the vehicle available during that time, inspection would become the new owner's responsibility.