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ON
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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.

LD 744 **Resolve, to Study the Feasibility of an Interstate 95
Interchange to Access the Town of Sanford**

LV/WD

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

HALE
RIDLEY
PAUL
TWITCHELL

LV/WD

SUMMARY

This resolve requires DOT to study the feasibility of establishing an interchange on I-95 to provide access to Sanford.

LD 774 **An Act to Provide Motor Vehicle Registration Plates to
Surviving Spouses of Prisoners of War**

PUBLIC 112
EMERGENCY

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

LAPOINTE
MILLS
TWITCHELL
HICHBORN

OTP-AM

H-100

SUMMARY

This bill extends the privilege of free special license plates to the surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war. There are 350 special prisoner of war plates.

CA (H-100) The amendment clarifies that on the death or remarriage of the surviving spouse, the special plates may be retained by the family but not used on a motor vehicle. It also adds an emergency preamble and clause and fiscal note.

LD 816 **An Act to Increase Safety on Maine Roads and Protect the
General Welfare**

PUBLIC 513

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

TWITCHELL
WALKER
ROLDE
MCPHERSON

OTP-AM

S-124

SUMMARY

The bill would require the holder of an instructional permit to drive under supervision for 6 months before applying for an operator's license. The validity of the permit would be extended from one year to 18 months.

It also would raise the minimum age for a driver's license from 15 to 16 for persons who have successfully completed a driver education course, and from 17 to 18 for persons who have not. There are 1,474 licensed 15-year olds.

(CA (S-124) The amendment retains the increased minimum age for obtaining a motor vehicle operator's license, with driver education, but it adds a provision for a special restricted license for 15-year olds who need to drive to school, to work, or in connection with work. In present law, an applicant for

a restricted license based on educational need is not required to complete driver education. That exemption is maintained for drivers between 16 and 17 who apply for a special restricted license based on educational need.

The amendment retains the extension of validity of an instruction permit from 12 months to 18 months, and adds a requirement that persons under age 17 must have an instruction permit for 3 months before applying for an operator's license.

The amendment leaves it at 17 the minimum age for obtaining a motor vehicle operator's license without driver education.

LD 834 Resolve, to Provide for a Commemorative Motor Vehicle License Plate to Celebrate the Bicentennial of Hancock County RESOLVE 12 EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
FOSTER HUTCHINS SWAZEY PERKINS	OTP	

SUMMARY
Hancock County is celebrating its bicentennial in 1989. The bill authorizes special commemorative license plates, as approved by the Hancock County Bicentennial Committee.

LD 838 An Act to Provide Motor Vehicle Registration Consistency ONTP

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
NORTON JACKSON AULT KILKELLY	ONTP	

SUMMARY
Under present law if the registration of a motor vehicle lapses for more than 30 days the renewal is backdated to the month of issuance of the previous registration. The bill would commence re-registration in the month of the re-registration.

LD 952 An Act to Make Allocations from the Transportation Safety Fund for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1990, and June 30, 1991 PUBLIC 41 EMERGENCY

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
FOSTER BRANNIGAN POULIOT PERKINS	OTP-AM	H-345

SUMMARY
This bill makes allocations from the Transportation Safety Fund to the Department of Public Safety for