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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**



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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.

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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill, virtually identical to a bill introduced in the 113th Legislature, requires the Secretary of State to develop a program for the use of ignition interlock systems. The bill requires installation of these systems, which prevent a person whose blood alcohol level exceeds a pre-set level from starting a motor vehicle's engine, in vehicles of individuals whose licenses have been restricted for the offense of OUI.

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM MAJ
OTP-AM MIN

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-218 MAJ REP

SUMMARY

This bill preempts regulation of firearms by any political subdivision of the State, except in those instances, including municipal regulation of discharge of a firearm, specified in the bill.

Committee Amendment "A", the majority report, clarifies the bill's intent to "preempt" local regulation of firearms except in specified instances.

Committee Amendment "B", the minority report, generally preempts firearms regulations but allows municipalities with a population over 15,000 to regulate firearms to the extent allowable under home rule authority.

House Amendment "A" and House Amendment "B" amend Committee Amendment "A" to conform to Committee Amendment "B"; neither House amendment was adopted.

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill allows a court to require that a person convicted of a 2nd offense of a crime contained in Title 17-A, chapter 45, i.e., a drug crime, surrender that person's driving privileges for not less than 3 years.