

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

STATE OF MAINE
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION



BILL SUMMARY
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
TRANSPORTATION

JULY 1989

MEMBERS

Sen. R. Donald Twitchell *
Sen. Reynold Theriault
Sen. Robert R. Gould

Rep. Fred W. Moholland *
Rep. Harold M. Macomber
Rep. Jeffery N. Mills
Rep. Hilda C. Martin
Rep. Mona Walker Hale
Rep. Robert E. Hussey, Jr.
Rep. Orland G. McPherson
Rep. Donald A. Strout
Rep. Clyde A. Hichborn
Rep. Ronald C. Bailey

* Denotes Chair

Staff: Haven Whiteside, Legislative Analyst

Office of Policy & Legal Analysis
Room 101, State House Sta. 13
Augusta, ME 04333
(207) 289-1670

MARTHA E. FREEMAN, DIRECTOR
WILLIAM T. GLIDDEN, PRINCIPAL ANALYST
ULIE S. JONES, PRINCIPAL ANALYST
DAVID C. ELLIOTT, PRINCIPAL ANALYST
GILBERT W. BREWER
GODD R. BURROWES
MICHAEL FLATEBO
REBECCA C. FRIEDMAN
JOHN B. KNOX



STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS
ROOM 101/107/135
STATE HOUSE STATION 13
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333
TEL: (207) 289-1670

ANNIKA E. LANE
EDWARD POTTER
MARGARET J. REINSCH
LARS H. RYDELL
JOHN R. SELSER
HAVEN WHITESIDE
CAROLYN J. CHICK, RES. ASST
ROBERT W. DUNN, RES. ASST
HARTLEY PALLESCHI, JR., RES. ASST

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.

An Act to Provide Disabled Veterans with Free Drivers' Licenses and to Clarify the Law Providing Free Registration Plates to Disabled Veterans

SPONSOR(S)
LAPORTE
TRACY
TWITCHELL
HICKEY

COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
H-197
H-226 HICKEY

SUMMARY

The bill authorizes a free drivers' license for any veteran with 100% service connected disability. At present, amputee veterans have that privilege. There are 667 eligible persons.

CA (H-197) adds a fiscal note.

HA (H-226) The amendment clarifies that free registration plates are available to disabled, blind or amputee veterans whether the veteran is compensated by the Veterans Administration or by any branch of the United States Armed Forces.

LD 1219 An Act to Provide Access to Camps

CARRIED OVER

SPONSOR(S)
ROTONDI
HOGLUND
MARTIN J
TWITCHELL

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Transportation to order a railroad company to establish and maintain an at-grade railroad crossing on petition of a landowner or lessee when the department finds such a crossing is reasonably necessary for access to land used for residential purposes and the proposed crossing poses no unreasonable safety risks. The bill does not prohibit private crossing agreements between railroads and those desiring a rail crossing. The bill prohibits the department from considering the existence or absence of liability insurance when making its determination.

Under present law (23 §2910) DOT may order a temporary crossing for wood, coal, hay and the like. Similarly, the county commissioners may order a farm crossing under (23 §6009).

LD 1230 An Act to Allow Volunteer Firefighters to Use Sirens Enroute to Fires

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)
ROLDE

COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This bill allows volunteer firefighters to operate sirens when responding to fire calls. 29 MRSA §1367-B(1)(A) allows volunteer firefighters to display a flashing red light when on the way to a fire or other emergency if authorized by the municipal officers and the fire chief.