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ON
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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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SPONSOR(S)
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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Transportation to install and maintain a standard traffic light at the intersection of Routes 17 and 41 in Readfield.

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COMMITTEE REPORT
OTP-AM

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
S-311

SUMMARY

This bill is intended to bring the State into compliance with the Federal Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (P.L. 99-570, Title XII)

CA (S-311) This amendment replaces the bill but maintains the same central purpose: to bring the State into compliance with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (PL 99-570, Title XII) which established national standards for commercial drivers licenses. Failure to comply with the federal law will result in the following:

1. Effective April 1, 1992, Maine-licensed commercial motor vehicle operators will be prohibited from operating beyond the state boundaries.
2. Effective October 1, 1993, the State will lose 5% of its federal highway funds.
3. Effective October 1, 1994, the State will lost 10% of its federal highway funds..

Sections, 1, 2, and 3 enact certain definitions.

Section 4 prohibits any person from holding more than one commercial driver's license at a time, with no waiver permitted. Under present law such a requirement applies to all licenses, but may be waived by the Secretary of State.

Section 5 conforms the state license categories to the federal requirements including the following license categories effective January 1, 1990:

- Class A: Combination vehicles - Combination vehicles of 26,001 pounds GVWR or more with trailer exceeding 10,000 pounds GVWR;
- Class B: Heavy straight vehicles - Single vehicles of 26,001 pounds GVWR or more, or towing a trailer of 10,000 pounds GVWR or less;
- Class C: Light vehicles - Single vehicles of 26,000 pounds GVWR or less, or towing a trailer of 10,000 pounds GVWR or less.