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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.

Please give us your suggestions and comments on these summaries and tell us of any inaccuracies.

Section 20 authorizes the Secretary of State to suspend or revoke a commercial driver's license with or without a preliminary hearing for any violation of the federal Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 or for failure to surrender a suspended license.

Section 21 modifies the present reciprocity law to provide recognition of commercial driver's licenses from other States

Section 22 contains 3 transitional provisions for the period January 1, 1990 through December 31, 1991. One allows present holders of a Class 1 or Class 2 license with a clean driving record to obtain a Class A or B license with no fee or road test. Commercial endorsements would be treated similarly.

The second allows a present holder of a Class 3 license to obtain a Class C license with a hazardous material endorsement with only a written examination.

The third authorizes the Secretary of State to waive the written test for a holders of a Class 1 or 2 license who wishes to obtain a Class A or B endorsement, provided that authority is granted by the United States Secretary of Transportation.

Section 23 allocates \$234,021 in FY 1989-90 and \$238,357 in FY 1990-91 from the Transportation Safety Fund to fund 7 positions and cover other costs of the Commercial Driver's License program at the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Section 24 allocates \$61,000 in FY 1989-90 and \$75,000 in FY 1990-91 from the Highway Fund to provide funds for 4 vehicles and general operating expenses of the Commercial Driver's License program at the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Section 25 sets an effective date of January 1, 1990 for all provisions except the blood-alcohol and license suspension provisions, which take effect January 1, 1991.

**LD 1255** An Act to Create a Full-time Motor Vehicle Office in the Town of Sanford

**PUBLIC 510**

SPONSOR(S)

COMMITTEE REPORT

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

HALE  
RIDLEY  
PAUL  
DUTREMBLE D

OTP

SUMMARY

The bill provides for establishment of a regional office of the Division of Motor Vehicles in Sanford, with 4 full-time employees. It includes an allocation from the Highway Fund of \$127,455 for FY 90 and \$150,819 for FY 91. 12 full-time offices are already authorized.