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FIRST REGULAR SESSION



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ON
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JULY 1989

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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 1256 An Act to Provide a Notification Mechanism for the
Expiration of Motor Vehicle Registration**

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill requires the Secretary of State to give 30 day written notice to persons before their registration expires. A fee sufficient to cover the cost of notification may be charged at the time of registration.

LD 1275 An Act Concerning Wide Loads

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

In general, vehicles and loads wider than 102 inches (8 ft, 6 inches) are prohibited (29 §1701). But, DOT or the municipality or county in charge may issue permits to carry wider loads on an emergency basis or for stated purposes such as moving pneumatic-tired heavy equipment. The bill would prohibit wide loads on the Carlton Bridge in Bath during rush hours (6:00-8:00 a.m. and 3:00-5:00 p.m.).

**LD 1291 An Act to Require the Use of Safety Belts on Maine School
Buses**

LV/WD

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COMMITTEE REPORT
LV/WD

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

The bill requires new school buses purchased after September 1991 to be equipped with seat safety belts for use by all passengers. Existing buses will be required to install seat safety belts within a 5-year period.

**LD 1303 An Act Concerning the Operation of Emergency Medical
Vehicles**

ONTP

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COMMITTEE REPORT
ONTP

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED

SUMMARY

Present law gives the right of way to certain vehicles, including ambulances, when they are using a