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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.

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
BRANNIGAN	ONTP MAJ	S-212 MIN REP
COLLINS	OTP-AM MIN	
WEBSTER M		
ROLDE		

SUMMARY

This bill requires drivers and passengers of motor vehicles to wear seat belts if their vehicles were equipped with seat belts by the manufacturer. Failure to wear seat belt carries a \$25 fine for a first offense and a \$50 fine for subsequent offenses.

The driver is responsible for him or herself and all passengers under 18. Passengers over 18 are responsible for themselves.

Only warnings will be issued through December 1, 1989.

Exceptions are made for emergency medical activities.

Under present law, safety seats are required for children under 4. (29 §1368-B enacted in 1983), and seat belts are required for children from age 4 through 12 (29 §1368-C enacted in 1987).

CA (S-212) (Minority OTP-AM report accepted). The amendment, which replaces the entire bill, requires use of seatbelts by children of age 4 through 15 years.

LD 1349 An Act Concerning Insurance Required of Wreckers

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
LEBOWITZ	OTP	
EMERSON		
MACOMBER		

SUMMARY

This bill exempts people who run a wrecker service and carry garage keeper's insurance from having to purchase cargo insurance as well.

LD 1392 An Act to Authorize Special Maine National Guard Motor Vehicle Registration Plates

<u>SPONSOR(S)</u>	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT</u>	<u>AMENDMENTS ADOPTED</u>
COLLINS	LV/WD	
THERIAULT		

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes the issuance and purchase of distinctive license plates to active members of the Maine Army and Air National Guard for use on their personal vehicles.